


<b>EASA</b>	<b>NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE</b>
	<p><b>PAD No.: 08 - 078</b></p> <p><b>Date: 03 July 2008</b></p> <p>Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.</p>
<p>In accordance with the EASA Continuing Airworthiness Procedures, the Executive Director is proposing the issuance of an EASA Airworthiness Directive (AD), applicable to the aeronautical product(s) identified below. All interested persons may send their comments, referencing the PAD Number above, to the e-mail address specified in the 'Remarks' section, prior to the consultation closing date indicated.</p>	
<b>Type Approval Holder's Name :</b>  Agusta S.p.A.	<b>Type/Model designation(s) :</b>  AB139 and AW139 helicopters
TCDS Number : EASA R.006	
Foreign AD : Not applicable	
Supersedure : None	
<b>ATA 53</b>	<b>Fuselage – Wire Strike Protection System – Rework/Replacement</b>
Manufacturer(s):	Agusta S.p.A.
Applicability:	AB139 helicopters from serial number (s/n) 31005 to s/n 31054 (included) except s/n 31007; AW139 helicopters from s/n 31055 to s/n 31131 (included) and from s/n 41001 to s/n 41013 (included) except s/n 41012, equipped with Wire Strike Protection System P/N 4G9540F00211 or P/N 4G9540F00311.
Reason:	<p>An in flight contact has been reported between the top cable cutter assy P/N 423-83001-1 and two main rotor blades.</p> <p>As this unsafe condition is likely to occur in other helicopters of the same type design, this EASA Airworthiness Directive requires the upper cutter assy P/N 423-83001-1 to be removed and reworked or replaced.</p>
Effective Date:	TBD: 14 days after final AD issue date
Required action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	<p>Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously, within 200 flight hours after the effective date of this AD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remove the top cable cutter assy P/N 423-83001-1 and rework or replace it with a new one P/N 3G9506P01431, as per instructions provided in Agusta Bollettino Tecnico (BT) 139-126. If the Agusta BT is not complied with within 200 flight hours from the effective date of this AD, remove the Wire Strike Protection System top cable cutter assy P/N 423-83001-1 until replacement with a reworked or a new one (P/N 3G9506P01431).</li> </ul>

Ref. Publications:	<p>Agusta BT 139-126 dated 20 June 2008.</p> <p>The use of later approved revision of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
Remarks :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 18 July 2008.</li><li>2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the Airworthiness Directives, Safety Management &amp; Research Section, Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a>.</li><li>3. For any questions concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: Agusta, Customer Support Engineering, E-mail: <a href="mailto:aw139.mbx@agustawestland.com">aw139.mbx@agustawestland.com</a></li></ol>