



COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT
EASA PROPOSED AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE (PAD) No. 09-001
 CLOSED FOR COMMENTS ON: 30 July 2009

PARAGRAPH OR SECTION COMMENTED	COMMENT / PROPOSAL	AUTHOR OF THE COMMENT	DATE OF COMMENT	PCM RESPONSE
General / Applicability	<p>In response to Proposed Airworthiness Directive 09-001, dated 16 July 2009, FedEx Express offers the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed Airworthiness Directive will be effective for 17 A310-300 series aircraft (N801FD – N817FD) operated by FedEx Express. Note: MSN 454 (N436FE) is an A310-200 and does not have the wing tips affected by this PAD installed. The Airbus IPC is in error. MSN 454 should be removed from the AD effectivity. 2. FedEx Express has determined that the inspection threshold and intervals will fit within our planned scheduled maintenance checks. Therefore, there will be no impact to available lift. 3. The number of man-hours and elapsed time to accomplish the proposed AD inspections will not impact the overall span-time of our planned scheduled maintenance check. 4. The proposed AD inspections do not require any special inspection techniques, training or tooling. 5. FedEx has been accomplishing these inspections successfully since May 2007. All 17 aircraft (N801FD – N817FD) have been inspected, and 9 of 17 aircraft (14 of 34 wing tips) have had cracked wing tip ribs. 	Jonathan Parish FedEx Express	22/07/2009	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comment accepted. Airbus documentation has been checked, and the IPC will be updated. The Applicability section of the Final AD has been modified accordingly: MSN 454 has been removed. 2. Noted 3. Noted 4. Noted 5. Noted