


EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	<p>PAD No.: 11-072</p> <p>Date: 20 July 2011</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>	
Type Approval Holder's Name :	Type/Model designation(s) :
AIRBUS	A318, A319, A320 and A321 aeroplanes
TCDS Number :	EASA.A.064
Foreign AD :	Not applicable
Supersedure :	None
ATA 25	Equipment / Furnishings – Escape Slide Raft – Modification / Replacement
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)
Applicability:	Airbus A318-111, A318-112, A318-121, A318-122, A319-111, A319-112, A319-113, A319-114, A319-115, A319-131, A319-132, A319-133, A320-111, A320-211, A320-212, A320-214, A320-215, A320-216, A320-231, A320-232, A320-233, A321-111, A321-112, A321-131, A321-211, A321-212, A321-213, A321-231 and A321-232 aeroplane models, all manufacturer serial numbers.
Reason:	<p>Two occurrences on Airbus A320 aeroplanes have been reported where the escape slide raft inflation system did not deploy when activated, due to the rotation of the cable guide in a direction which resulted in jamming of the inflation control cable. Additionally, there has been one reported case where the system did not deploy properly due to a cracked inflation hose fitting.</p> <p>Investigation conducted by the slide raft manufacturer showed that the hose fitting could be subject to a bending moment if improperly packed. Subsequently, the hose fitting could separate from the reservoir and the inflation of the slide raft may be impaired.</p> <p>This condition, if not corrected, could delay the evacuation from the aeroplane in case of emergency, possibly resulting in injury to the occupants.</p> <p>For the reasons described above, this AD requires modification of the affected slide rafts or replacement thereof with modified units.</p>
Effective Date:	[TBD: 14 days after final AD issue date]

<p>Required action(s) and Compliance Time(s):</p>	<p>Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Within 36 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the escape slide rafts, having a Part Number (P/N) as identified in Appendix 1 of this AD, in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A320-25-1723 or Airbus SB A320-25-1724, as applicable to aeroplane model. (2) Replacement of all affected escape slide rafts on an aeroplane with slide rafts that have been modified in accordance with the instructions of Air Cruisers / Aerazur SB A320 004-25-85 is an acceptable method to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) of this AD for that aeroplane. (3) Aeroplanes on which Airbus modification (mod.) 151459 or mod.151502 has been embodied in production and on which no escape slide raft replacements have been made since first flight, are not affected by the requirement of paragraph (1) of this AD. (4) After modification of an aeroplane as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, do not install an escape slide raft identified in Appendix 1 of this AD on that aeroplane, unless it has been modified in accordance with the instructions of Air Cruisers / Aerazur SB A320 004-25-85, or in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A320-25-1723 or Airbus SB A320-25-1724, as applicable to aeroplane model.
<p>Ref. Publications :</p>	<p>Airbus SB A320-25-1723 original issue, dated 17 December 2010. Airbus SB A320-25-1724 original issue, dated 17 December 2010. The use of later approved revisions of these documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD. Air Cruisers / Aerazur SB A320 004-25-85, dated 30 November 2010.</p>
<p>Remarks :</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 17 August 2011. 2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Executive Directorate, EASA. E-mail ADs@easa.europa.eu. 3. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: AIRBUS – Airworthiness Office – EAS, Fax +33 5 61 93 44 51, E-mail: account.airworth-eas@airbus.com.

Appendix 1

Air Cruisers and Aerazur Escape Slide Rafts, affected by this AD
(if fitted with a Reservoir and Valve Assembly P/N D18309-105 or P/N D18309-205)

Part Number (P/N)
D30664-105
D30664-107
D30664-109
D30664-305
D30664-307
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