


EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	<p>PAD No.: 12-012</p> <p>Date: 13 February 2012</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.</p> <p>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 : AIRBUS	Type/Model designation(s) : A300-600 aeroplanes
TCDS Number : France TCDS No 145	
Foreign AD : Not applicable	
Supersedure : None	
ATA 53	Fuselage – Door Frame Shells of Passenger Doors 2 and 4 - Reinforcement
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)
Applicability:	A300B4-601, A300B4-603, A300B4-620, A300B4-605R and A300B4-622R aeroplane models, all serial numbers.
Reason:	<p>As a result of the Extended Service Goal 2 exercise (ESG2) it was shown that the door frame shells of passenger doors 2 and 4 (both sides of the aeroplane) may not have sufficient structural strength to enable the aeroplane to operate safely beyond ESG1 (Extended Service Goal 1 equal to 42 500 Flight Cycles - FC or 89 000 Flight Hours – FH) and up to ESG2 (Extended Service Goal 2 equal to 51 000 FC or 89 000 FH) limits.</p> <p>This condition, if not corrected, could lead to structural failure of the affected door shells, possibly resulting in in-flight decompression of the aeroplane and consequent injury to occupants.</p> <p>For the reasons stated above, this AD requires the reinforcement at door frame shells of passenger doors 2 and 4.</p>
Effective Date:	[TBD: 14 days after final AD issue date]
Required action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	<p>Required as indicated, unless previously accomplished:</p> <p>Before the aeroplane accumulates 42 500 FC since first flight, or within 2 000 FC after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, reinforce the door frame shells of passenger doors 2 and 4 on both sides of the fuselage in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A300-53-6170.</p>

Ref. Publications:	<p>Airbus SB A300-53-6170 original issue dated 16 May 2011.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
Remarks:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 12 March 2012.2. 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 SAS – EAW (Airworthiness Office, Telephone: + 33 5 61 18 41 39, Fax: + 33 5 61 93 44 51).