

EASA	AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	AD No.: 2012-0200 Date: 28 September 2012 Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) 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.
This AD is issued in accordance with EU 748/2012, Part 21A.3B. In accordance with EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.301, the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft shall be ensured by accomplishing any applicable ADs. Consequently, no person may operate an aircraft to which an AD applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that AD, unless otherwise specified by the Agency [EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [EC 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].	
Design Approval Holder's Name: AIRBUS	Type/Model designation(s): A380 aeroplanes
TCDS Number:	EASA.A.110
Foreign AD:	Not applicable
Supersedure:	None
ATA 52	Doors – Upper Deck Door Visual Indication Mechanism – Replacement
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus
Applicability:	Airbus A380-841, A380-842, and A380-861 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.
Reason:	An A380 operator reported an occurrence of blockage of one upper deck passenger/crew door. Investigation results have shown that the door blockage resulted from jamming of the visual indication mechanism of the upper deck door. This condition, if not corrected, could lead to the functional loss of the emergency exit doors of the upper deck, possibly preventing the passengers and the flight crew from safely evacuating the aeroplane during an emergency. For the reasons described above, this AD requires the replacement of the visual indication mechanisms of the affected upper deck doors with a new design mechanism.
Effective Date:	12 October 2012

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously: (1) Within 15 months after the effective date of this AD, replace the affected visual indication mechanisms of the left-hand (LH) and right-hand (RH) upper deck doors U1, U2 and U3 with serviceable ones, in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A380-52-8019 or Airbus SB A380-52-8046, as applicable to the affected aeroplane. (2) Aeroplanes on which Airbus modification 70914 has been embodied in production are not affected by the requirements of paragraph (1) of this AD, provided that, since aeroplane first flight, no visual indication mechanism component, having Part Number (P/N) as listed in Appendix 1 of this AD, has been installed on the LH or RH upper deck doors U1, U2 and U3 of that aeroplane. (3) After modification of an aeroplane as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, do not install any visual indication mechanism component, having a P/N as listed in Appendix 1 of this AD, on the LH or RH upper deck doors U1, U2 and U3 of that aeroplane.
Ref. Publications:	Airbus SB A380-52-8019 original issue, dated 13 January 2012. Airbus SB A380-52-8046 original issue, dated 20 April 2012. The use of later approved revisions of these documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.
Remarks:	1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD. 2. This AD was posted on 23 August 2012 as PAD 12-081 for consultation until 20 September 2012. No comments were received during the consultation period. 3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Executive Directorate, EASA. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu. 4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: AIRBUS SAS - EIANA (Airworthiness Office), Telephone : +33 562 110 253 ; Fax: +33 562 110 307. E-mail: account.airworth-A380@airbus.com, nabil.tahiri@airbus.com and sandra.cuiec@airbus.com.

Appendix 1: List of part names and P/N of visual indication mechanism components, affected by this AD

Part Description	P/N
Tube Assembly	L5217798700200
Tube Assembly	L5217798700400
Tube Assembly	L5217798700300
Tube Assembly	L5217798700500
Bracket-Target	L5217703920200
Bracket-Target	L5217703920300
Bearing Assembly	L5217797200000
Tube Assembly	L5217798900600
Tube Assembly	L5217798900800
Tube Assembly	L5217798900700
Tube Assembly	L5217798900900
Tube Assembly	L5217793800000
Tube Assembly	L5217793800100
Bracket-Target	L5217789720000
Bracket-Target	L5217789720100
Bearing Assembly	L5217797200200