

EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	PAD No.: 12-081 Date: 23 August 2012 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.
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.	
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:	[TBD: 14 days after final AD issue date]

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 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 components, 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 components, 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. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation 20 September 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 - EIANA (Airworthiness Office), Telephone : +33 562 110 253 ; Fax: +33 562 110 307 E-mail: account.airworth-A380@airbus.com and 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