

EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE	
	<p>PAD No.: 12-138</p> <p>Date: 06 November 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. 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>		
Design Approval Holder's Name :		Type/Model designation(s) :
AIRBUS		A340-500/-600 aeroplanes
TCDS Number : EASA A.015		
Foreign AD : Not applicable		
Supersedure : None		
ATA 38	Water / Waste – Waste Water Drain Line – Modification	
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)	
Applicability:	Airbus A340-541, A340-542, A340-642 and A340-643 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.	
Reason:	<p>Investigations have shown that the distance between the heating element of the waste water drain line and the fuel line at fuselage frame (FR) 77/78 could be too small, which potentially induces chafing between the fuel line and the waste water heating element.</p> <p>This condition, if not corrected, could lead to a short circuit and consequent arcing on the fuel line, possibly resulting in a fuel leak and an uncontrolled fire.</p> <p>To address this unsafe condition, Airbus developed a modification to prevent chafing, which is to be embodied in service through Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A340-38-5017.</p> <p>For the reasons described above, this AD requires modification of the waste water drain line, establishing a correct distance between the affected drain line and the fuel line.</p>	
Effective Date:	[TBD: 14 days after final AD issue date]	

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously: Within 24 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the waste water drain line in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A340-38-5017.
Ref. Publications :	Airbus SB A340-38-5017 at original issue, dated 13 February 2012. The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.
Remarks :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 04 December 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 – Airworthiness Office – EIAL; E-mail: airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com.