


<b>EASA</b>	<b>NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE</b>
	<p><b>PAD No.: 13-153</b></p> <p><b>Date: 03 October 2013</b></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>	
<b>Design Approval Holder's Name:</b> AIRBUS	<b>Type/Model designation(s):</b> A340 aeroplanes
TCDS Number:	EASA.A.015
Foreign AD:	Not applicable
Supersedure:	This AD supersedes EASA AD 2008-0026 dated 12 February 2008, EASA AD 2008-0160 dated 22 August 2008 and EASA AD 2012-0021 dated 30 January 2012.
<b>ATA 05</b>	<b>Time Limits and Maintenance Checks – Ageing Systems Maintenance – ALS Part 4 – Amendment</b>
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)
Applicability:	Airbus A340-211, A340-212, A340-213, A340-311, A340-312, A340-313, A340-541, A340-542, A340-642 and A340-643 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.
Reason:	<p>The airworthiness limitations for Airbus aeroplanes are currently published in Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) documents.</p> <p>The airworthiness limitations applicable to the Ageing Systems Maintenance (ASM) are given in Airbus A340 ALS Part 4, which is approved by EASA.</p> <p>Revision 03 of Airbus A340 ALS Part 4 introduces more restrictive maintenance requirements and/or airworthiness limitations. Failure to comply with these instructions could result in an unsafe condition.</p> <p>For the reason described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2012-0021, which is superseded, and requires accomplishment of the actions specified in Airbus A340 ALS Part 4 at Revision 03.</p> <p>In addition, this AD also supersedes EASA AD 2008-0026 and EASA AD 2008-0160, whose requirements applicable to A340 aeroplanes have been transferred into Airbus A340 ALS Part 4.</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"> <li>(1) From the effective date of this AD, within the compliance times defined in the Record of Revisions (ROR) pages of Airbus A340 ALS Part 4 Revision 03, accomplish the following actions, depending on aeroplane configuration, as specified in Airbus A340 ALS Part 4 Revision 03: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1.1) Replace each component before or upon reaching the applicable life limit, and</li> <li>(1.2) Within the thresholds and intervals, accomplish all applicable maintenance tasks.</li> </ol> </li> <li>(2) If, during accomplishment of any task as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, discrepancies are detected, within the applicable compliance time specified in the Airbus maintenance documentation, accomplish the applicable corrective actions in accordance with instructions specified (or incorporated by reference) in the applicable Airbus maintenance documentation. <p>If no compliance time is identified in the Airbus maintenance documentation, before next flight, accomplish the corrective actions, or contact Airbus for approved instructions and, within the compliance time specified therein, accomplish those instructions accordingly.</p> <p>If any of the discrepancies detected during accomplishment of any task as required by paragraph (1) of this AD is not defined in the Airbus maintenance documentation, before next flight, contact Airbus for approved instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.</p> </li> <li>(3) Compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this AD can be demonstrated by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(3.1) Revising as follows the approved Aircraft Maintenance Programme (AMP) on the basis of which the operator or the owner ensures the continuing airworthiness of each operated aeroplane: <p>Incorporate all maintenance requirements and associated airworthiness limitations, as specified in Airbus A340 ALS Part 4 Revision 03, as applicable to aeroplane type, and incorporate the compliance information as specified in paragraph (2) of this AD,</p> <p>and</p> </li> <li>(3.2) Complying with the approved AMP described in paragraph (3.1) of this AD.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p>Ref. Publications:</p>	<p>Airbus A340 ALS Part 4 Revision 03, approved by EASA on 15 November 2012.</p> <p>The use of later approved variations or revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 24 October 2013.</li> <li>2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Executive Directorate, EASA. E-mail: <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a>.</li> <li>3. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: Airbus – Airworthiness Office – EIAL; E-mail: <a href="mailto:airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com">airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com</a>.</li> </ol>