

EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	<p>PAD No.: 13-156</p> <p>Date: 07 October 2013</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: AIRBUS	Type/Model designation(s): A300-600 aeroplanes
TCDS Number:	France No. 145
Foreign AD:	Not applicable
Supersedure:	None
ATA 53	Fuselage – Forward Door Surrounding Panels – Inspection / Rework / Repair
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)
Applicability:	Airbus A300B4-603, A300B4-605R, A300B4-620, A300B4-622, A300B4-622R and A300C4-620 aeroplanes, all Manufacturer Serial Numbers (MSN); and Airbus A300C4-605R variant F and A300F4-605R aeroplanes, all MSN, except those on which Airbus Modification No. 12699 has been embodied in production.
Reason:	<p>In the frame of the Ageing Airplane Safety Rule (AASR), all existing Structural Repair Manual (SRM) repairs were reviewed.</p> <p>This analysis, which consisted in new Fatigue and Damage Tolerance calculations, revealed that some repairs in the area surrounding the forward passenger/crew door and the fail safe ring are no longer adequate.</p> <p>These repairs, if not reworked, could affect the structural integrity of the aeroplane.</p> <p>To address this potential unsafe condition, Airbus issued Service Bulletin (SB) A300-53-6173, providing instructions for the inspection of repairs on the left hand (LH) and right hand (RH) side forward door surrounding panels.</p> <p>For the reasons described above, and further to the AASR implementation, this AD requires a one-time inspection of the forward door surrounding panels to identify SRM repairs in these areas and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective action(s).</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"> (1) Within 36 months after the effective date of this AD, accomplish an ultrasonic inspection of the LH and RH forward passenger door surrounding panels in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A300-53-6173. (2) If, during the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, any affected repair is found, before next flight, identify the reworked area(s), the percentage of the rework and the reworks limit in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A300-53-6173. (3) If, during the analysis as required by paragraph (2) of this AD, any rework is found outside the Allowable Damage Limits of the applicable A300-600 SRM, before next flight, report those findings to Airbus to obtain rework approval or repair instructions, as applicable, and, in case repair is required, within the compliance time defined in the instructions received from Airbus, accomplish the repair accordingly.
<p>Ref. Publications:</p>	<p>Airbus SB A300-53-6173 original issue dated 01 August 2013.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 04 November 2013. 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 – EIAW (Airworthiness Office) E-mail: continued.airworthiness-wb.external@airbus.com