

EASA	COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT
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Commenter 1: Emirates – Adil Simou – date

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Ref/A/. EASA PAD was recently released (18 October 2013) and is introducing Repetitive Detailed inspection of the Under-wing Spar at Frame 46 at belly fairing support structure. And further to Ref/A/ review, UAE is reporting the following enquiry:

As per the PAD Compliance Time, The initial Inspection should be conducted before exceeding 1 200 flight cycles (FC) accumulated by the aeroplane since first flight, or within 240 FC after the effective date of the expected AD (whichever occurs later) IAW Ref/B/ instruction.

Emirates A380 affected Fleet (Up to MSN:112) is mainly above 1 200 total flight cycles and therefore 240 FC (after the effective date of the expected AD) should be considered, however, the required inspections embodiment will require a minimum of 22.50 Hours (IAW Ref/B/ SB Manpower), which can Only be scheduled during an (A check) maintenance input.

The proposed 240 FC (after the effective date of the expected AD) will Not support EK operations as the (A check) inputs are scheduled every 265 FC.

Desired Action:

Emirates is requesting EASA review and would appreciate if a minimum of (A check) input will be considered as Initial Inspection Threshold.

EASA response:

Comment understood. Grace period extension from 240 FC to 270 FC has been investigated by Airbus Design Office and has been found acceptable. EASA agrees. The Final AD has been amended accordingly.