

EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	<p>PAD No.: 14-138</p> <p>Date: 05 September 2014</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): A318, A319, A320 and A321 aeroplanes
TCDS Number:	EASA.A.064
Foreign AD:	Not applicable
Supersedure:	None
ATA 28	Fuel – Fuel Vent Protector – Inspection / Replacement
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)
Applicability:	Airbus A318-111, A318-112, A318-121, A318-122, A319-111, A319-112, A319-113, A319-114, A319-115, A319-131, A319-132, A319-133, A320-211, A320-212, A320-214, A320-215, A320-216, A320-231, A320-232, A320-233, A321-111, A321-112, A321-131, A321-211, A321-212, A321-213, A321-231 and A321-232 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers (MSN).
Reason:	<p>On each aeroplane wing, a NACA duct assembly is installed, including a Fuel Vent Protector (FVP) which is used as flame arrestor. This FVP is maintained in its NACA duct assembly by a circlip (also known as C-clip). Following a wing water pressure test, the FVP is removed and dried with heat. During an inspection after this test, several circlips were reported to be discoloured. Investigation revealed that a batch of circlips fitted on some FVP Part Number (P/N) 786-073-1-0 have an increased risk of corrosion due to a manufacturing quality issue.</p> <p>This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to circlip failure and consequent FVP movement, reducing the flame protector capability of the FVP cartridge, possibly resulting in damage to the aeroplane in case of lightning impact or fire on ground.</p> <p>For the reason described above, this AD requires identification by serial number (s/n) of the affected FVP P/N 786-073-1-0 and removal from service.</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) For an aeroplane having a MSN as listed in Table 1 of this AD, within 30 months, or 7 500 flight hours, or 5 000 flight cycles, whichever occurs first since aeroplane first flight, accomplish the actions as required by paragraph (1.1) and (1.2) of this AD in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A320-28-1221. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1.1) Inspect each FVP P/N 786-073-1-0 on the aeroplane to determine the s/n, and (1.2) If the s/n of the FVP is listed in Appendix 1 of this AD, replace the FVP with a serviceable part, unless the FVP is marked with "Amdt B". <p style="text-align: center;">Table 1 - Affected Aeroplanes listed by MSN</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>5438, 5441, 5444, 5445, 5447, 5457, 5459, 5460, 5461, 5463, 5464, 5469, 5473 to 5478 inclusive, 5481, 5482, 5483, 5485 to 5488 inclusive, 5490 to 5493 inclusive, 5495 to 5505 inclusive, 5507 to 5515 inclusive, 5517, 5518, 5520 to 5527 inclusive, 5530, 5536, 5539, 5541, 5544, 5547, 5551, 5553 and 5556.</p> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (2) For an aeroplane having a MSN not listed in Table 1 of this AD, no action is required by this AD, provided it is determined that no FVP P/N 786073-1-0 having a s/n as listed in Appendix 1 of this AD and not marked with "Amdt B" has been installed on that aeroplane since Airbus date of manufacture. <p>In case an affected FVP is installed, or no s/n identification can be made, within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, replace the FVP with a serviceable part in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A320-28-1221.</p> (3) A review of aeroplane delivery or maintenance records is acceptable to identify the FVP s/n, in lieu of the inspection as required by paragraph (1.1) of this AD, or in lieu of the determination as required by paragraph (2) of this AD, as applicable, provided those records can be relied upon for that purpose, and the s/n of the FVP can be conclusively identified from that review. (4) From the effective date of this AD, do not install on any aeroplane a FVP P/N 786-073-1-0 having a s/n as listed in Appendix 1 of this AD unless the FVP is marked with "Amdt B".
<p>Ref. Publications:</p>	<p>Airbus SB A320-28-1221 original issue dated 21 July 2014.</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 03 October 2014. 2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Certification 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 - EIAS, Fax +33 5 61 93 44 51, E-mail: account.airworth-eas@airbus.com.

Appendix 1 – Affected FVP P/N 786-073-1-0 (manufactured during August 2012)

s/n 786073IN0XXXX (last four digits shown in this Table only)					
3752	3821	3868	3911	3966	4010
3753	3826	3871	3914	3967	4011
3754	3827	3874	3922	3969	4013
3755	3829	3877	3925	3971	4017
3756	3830	3878	3927	3972	4019
3757	3833	3882	3930	3977	4023
3758	3834	3893	3937	3978	4024
3759	3836	3897	3938	3980	4025
3760	3839	3898	3940	3981	4026
3761	3840	3899	3945	3982	4039
3787	3848	3900	3946	3983	4048
3788	3849	3901	3947	3984	4065
3810	3850	3904	3948	3985	4066
3812	3851	3905	3951	3986	4068
3814	3853	3906	3961	3987	4070
3817	3859	3907	3962	3996	4184
3819	3860	3908	3964	3997	4187
3820	3867	3910	3965	4009	