

New Requirements of this AD**Modification and Installation**

(b) Do the applicable actions required by paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this AD at the times specified.

(1) For airplanes on which the actions required by paragraph (a) of this AD have been done per Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, dated July 9, 1999: Within 36 months after the effective date of this AD, install an additional bonding lead (including doing an electrical resistance check) by doing all the actions per paragraphs 3.B.(3) and 3.C. of the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 04, dated December 14, 2001; or Revision 05, dated August 27, 2002. Accomplishment of the actions before the effective date of this AD per Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 01, dated April 26, 2000; Revision 02, dated June 28, 2000; or Revision 03, dated October 3, 2000; is considered acceptable for compliance with the actions required by this paragraph.

(2) For airplanes on which an additional center fuel tank is installed, as described in Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1079, dated November 30, 1998: Within 20 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the fuel system of the additional center fuel tank (including an electrical resistance check) by doing all the actions per paragraphs 2.A. through 2.E. of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c)(1) In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, is authorized to approve alternative methods of compliance for this AD.

(2) Alternative methods of compliance, approved previously in accordance with AD 2000–14–15, amendment 39–11825, are considered to be approved as alternative methods of compliance with paragraph (a) of this AD.

Incorporation by Reference

(d) The actions shall be done in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, dated July 9, 1999; Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 01, dated April 26, 2000; Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 02, dated June 28, 2000; Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 03, dated October 3, 2000; Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 04, dated December 14, 2001; Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 05, dated August 27, 2002; and Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1079, dated November 30, 1998; as applicable.

(1) The incorporation by reference of Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 01, dated April 26, 2000; Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 02, dated June 28, 2000; Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 03, dated October 3, 2000; Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 04, dated December 14, 2001; Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, Revision 05, dated August 27, 2002; and Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1079, dated November 30, 1998; is approved by the

Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) The incorporation by reference of Airbus Service Bulletin A320–28–1077, dated July 9, 1999, was approved previously by the Director of the Federal Register as of August 28, 2000 (65 FR 45513, July 24, 2000).

(3) Copies may be obtained from Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Note 1: The subject of this AD is addressed in French airworthiness directive 2002–202(B), dated April 17, 2002.

Effective Date

(e) This amendment becomes effective on January 27, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 2002–NM–119–AD; Amendment 39–13392; AD 2003–25–09]

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Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B4–600 Series Airplanes, Model A300 B4–600R Series Airplanes, Model A300 C4–605R Variant F Airplanes, and Model A300 F4–605R Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Airbus Model A300 B4–600 series airplanes, Model A300 B4–600R series airplanes, Model A300 C4–605R Variant F airplanes, and Model A300 F4–605R airplanes. This AD requires modification of certain components of the 115 Volts Alternating Current (VAC) supply wiring and of the fuel gauging system. This action is necessary to prevent short circuits between 115 VAC wiring and certain fuel system electrical wire runs with subsequent overheating of the cadensicon sensor thermistor or fuel level sensor, which could be great enough to ignite fuel vapors in the fuel tank and cause an explosion. This

action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective January 27, 2004.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of January 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Airbus Industrie, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, Rules Docket, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Airbus Model A300 B4–600 series airplanes, Model A300 B4–600R series airplanes, Model A300 C4–605R Variant F airplanes, and Model A300 F4–605R airplanes, was published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2003 (68 FR 52862). That action proposed to require modification of certain components of the 115 Volts Alternating Current (VAC) supply wiring and of the fuel gauging system.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. Due consideration has been given to the comments received. The commenter supports the proposed AD.

Conclusion

After careful review of the available data, including the comment noted above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.

Cost Impact

The FAA estimates that 70 airplanes of U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 29 work hours per airplane to accomplish the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$65 per work hour. Required parts will cost approximately \$8,938 per airplane. Based on these