
AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

For the reasons set out in the background section, the CASA delegate whose signature appears below issues the following Airworthiness Directive (AD) under subregulation 39.001(1) of CASR 1998. The AD requires that the action set out in the requirement section (being action that the delegate considers necessary to correct the unsafe condition) be taken in relation to the aircraft or aeronautical product mentioned in the applicability section: (a) in the circumstances mentioned in the requirement section; and (b) in accordance with the instructions set out in the requirement section; and (c) at the time mentioned in the compliance section.

Airbus Industrie A330 Series Aeroplanes**AD/A330/91 Wings - Movable Flap Track Fairing no 3 10/2008**

Applicability: AIRBUS A330-201, A330-202, A330-203, A330-223, A330-243, A330-301, A330-302, A330-303, A330-321, A330-322, A330-323, A330-341, A330-342 and A330-343 aircraft, all manufacturer serial numbers (MSN), except those on which AIRBUS modification 55674 has been embodied in production.

Requirement: Action in accordance with EASA AD 2008-0153.

Note: AIRBUS Service Bulletin A330-57-3095 Revision 02 Dated 3 April 2008 refers.

Compliance: Within 5 years after the effective date of this AD.

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 25 September 2008.

Background: Several cases have been reported of in-flight loss of the drive strut fitting from the moveable fairing of flap track No.3. Consequently, the flap track No.3 fairing was detached from its aft end, and found hanging. Investigations have shown that the detachment of the aft lower drive strut fitting from the fairing occurred due to the four bonded inserts being pulled out.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to in-flight loss of the affected aircraft parts, potentially resulting in injuries to persons on the ground.

This directive mandates modification of the moveable flap track fairing No.3, both left hand and right hand sides and prohibits re-installation of unmodified units.



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