

Eurocopter AS 355 (Twin Ecureuil) Series Helicopters

AD/AS 355/3 Tail Rotor Blades, Bonding Separation of Stainless Steel Leading Edge Protectors - Inspection 5/82

Applicability: All model AS 355 helicopters fitted with tail rotor blades 350A.12.0030.00 to .05.

Requirement: Action in accordance with Aerospatiale Workcard AS 355 No. 64.10.00.601.

Note: Bureau Veritas AD 82-25-4(B) refers.

- Compliance:
- A. For blades between 0 and 100 hours time in service since new or overhaul:
 - Before further flight and thereafter at intervals not exceeding 10 hours time in service until accumulation of 100 hours time in service.
 - B. For blades with more than 100 hours time in service since new or overhaul:
 - Within 10 hours time in service after 24 March 1982.

Background: The manufacturer has reported several cases of severe bonding separation of the leading edge stainless steel protectors.