

# AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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*Inspection and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.*

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In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## ATR

### ATR 72 aircraft

Elevators uncoupling mechanism

This Airworthiness Directive applies to ATR 72 aircraft models 101, 102, 201, 202, 211, 212 on which modification 4495 or Service Bulletin ATR 72-27-1044 have not been embodied.

In order to prevent a fatigue rupture of the elevators uncoupling mechanism, the following measures become mandatory at the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

- 1/** Before April 30, 1996 for aircraft having accumulated more than 12000 flights at the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :
- 2/** Before July 31, 1996 for aircraft having accumulated between 8000 and 12000 flights at the effective date of this airworthiness Directive :
- 3/** Before December 31, 1996 for aircraft having accumulated between 5000 and 8000 flights at the effective date of this airworthiness Directive :
- 4/** Before December 31, 1997 or before accumulation of 8000 flights, whichever occurs first, for aircraft having accumulated less than 5000 flights at the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

Modify the elevators uncoupling mechanism, in accordance with the instructions of the Service Bulletin ATR 72-27-1044.

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REF. : Service Bulletin ATR 72-27-1044

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**EFFECTIVE DATE : JANUARY 27, 1996**