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AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

AD No.: 2013-0120

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Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) 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.

This AD is issued in accordance with EU 748/2012, Part 21.A.3B. In accordance with EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.301, the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft shall be ensured by accomplishing any applicable ADs. Consequently, no person may operate an aircraft to which an AD applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that AD, unless otherwise specified by the Agency [EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [EC 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].

| Design Approval Holder's Name: | | Type/Model designation(s): | | |
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| TURBOMECA | | ARRIEL 1 engines | | |
| TCDS Number: | EASA.E.073 | | | |
| Foreign AD: | Foreign AD: Not applicable | | | |
| Supersedure: None | | | | |
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| ATA 72 | Engine – Free Turbine Bearing Plug – Inspection / Rework | | | |
| Manufacturer(s): | Turbomeca | | | |
| Applicability: | ARRIEL 1A1, 1A2, 1B, 1C, 1C1, 1C2, 1D, 1D1, 1E2, 1K, 1K1, 1S, 1S1, all serial numbers. These engines are known to be installed on, but not limited to, Eurocopter (formerly Eurocopter France, Aerospatiale) AS 350 B, BA, BB, B1 and B2, and AS 365 N, Eurocopter Deutschland (formerly Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm) MBB-BK117-C1 and -C2, AgustaWestland (formerly Agusta) A 109 K2, and Sikorsky S-76A helicopters. | | | |
| Reason: | A "chip light illumination" event in flight on an ARRIEL 1C2 engine was reported to Turbomeca. Following this event, which resulted from Free Turbine front bearing deterioration, the investigation revealed that the loss of the Free Turbine (FT) bearing plug has led to a major disruption in the lubrication of the FT module (M04) bearings. The root cause of this event has been attributed to incorrect bonding of the Free Turbine Bearing Plug, accomplished during the repair process in an identified Repair Center. Consequently, it was possible to identify a batch of Modules M04 which are potentially affected. This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to an uncommanded | | | |
| | engine in-flight shut do To address this potenti Service Bulletin (MSB) to determine whether a | wn, possibly leading to an emergency landing. al unsafe condition, Turbomeca issued Mandatory A292 72 0838, which provides inspection instructions potentially affected Module M04 is installed. | | |
| | For the reasons descril | bed above, this AD requires a one-time inspection to | | |

| | check for the presence, positioning and bonding of the FT Bearing Plug, and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective action(s). | | |
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| Effective Date: | 18 June 2013 | | |
| Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s): | Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously: (1) Within the compliance time specified in Table 1 of this AD, for engines equipped with a Module M04 identified by Part Number (P/N) and serial number (s/n) in Appendix 1 of this AD, as applicable, visually check for the presence of the FT Bearing plug, its positioning and bonding in accordance with the instructions of Turbomeca MSB A292 72 0838: Table 1 | | |
| | Engine Model Complia effective | ance Time after the e date of this AD | |
| | ARRIEL 1B, 1D and 1D1 Within 5 (EFH) | 0 Engine Flight Hours | |
| | ARRIEL 1A1, 1A2, 1C, 1C1, 1C2, 1E2, 1K, 1K1, Within 3 1S and 1S1 | 00 EFH | |
| | (2) If, during the actions as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, any discrepancy is found, before next flight, accomplish the applicable corrective actions in accordance with the instructions of Turbomeca MSB A292 72 0838. | | |
| | (3) From the effective date of this AD, do not M04 (identified by P/N and s/n in Appendix or an engine on which an affected Module helicopter, unless the affected Module has depending on findings, corrected as require | install an affected module x 1 of this AD) on an engine, M04 is installed, on a been inspected and, red by this AD. | |
| Ref. Publications: | Turbomeca MSB A292 72 0838 version A dated 24 May 2013. The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD. | | |
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| Remarks: | If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD. | | |
| The required actions and the risk allowance have granted the of a Final AD with Request for Comments, postponing the process after publication. | | | |
| | Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Executive Directorate, EASA. E-mail: <u>ADs@easa.europa.eu</u>. | | |
| | For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: Turbomeca, ARRIEL 1 Customer Support, 40220 Tarnos, France, Fax: +33 5 59 74 45 15, or contact your usual or nearest Turbomeca technical representative at <u>www.turbomeca-support.com</u>. | | |

Appendix 1

List of potentially affected ARRIEL 1 Modules M04 - P/N and s/n

| Module M04 P/N | Module M04 s/n | FT Bearing s/n |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 70BM041020 | 296 | 0735CC |
| 70010000 | 1173 | 1911MF |
| 70810041030 | 1943 | 2781MF |
| 70BM041040 | 723 | 1283MF |
| | 14054 | 0125PC |
| | 14055 | 0127PC |
| | 14060 | 0152PC |
| | 14063 | 0193PC |
| | 14074 | 0324PC |
| | 14075 | 0327PC |
| 7001042110 | 14076 | 0276PC |
| 70010043110 | 14078 | 0266PC |
| | 14079 | 0262PC |
| | 14083 | 0352PC |
| | 14085 | 0381PC |
| | 14086 | 0382PC |
| | 14148 | 0788PC |
| | 14156 | 0973PC |
| 7001045210 | 5038 | 0294CC |
| 70010045210 | 5107 | 2480MF |
| | 9136 | 0642CC |
| | 9153 | 0651CC |
| | 9184 | 0748CC |
| | 9185 | 1266MF |
| | 9276 | 0894CC |
| 70RM045400 | 9293 | 1018CC |
| 700101043400 | 9343 | 1154CC |
| | 9344 | 1138CC |
| | 9378 | 2746MF |
| | 9381 | 2743MF |
| | 9562 | 2972MF |
| | 15131 | 0895CC |
| | 9638 | 0358CC |
| | 9672 | 1370CC |
| 70BM045410 | 9775 | 3262MF |
| | 9787 | 3143MF |
| | 9888 | 0305PC |
| 70BM047100 | 16032 | 1389CC |
| | 3036 | 2475MF |
| 70BM047200 | 3104 | 2640MF |
| | 3105 | 0759CC |

Note: FT Bearing s/n are provided for information