Airworthiness Directive

AD No.: 2016-0163

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Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) 216/2008 on behalf of the European Union, 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 Regulation (EU) 748/2012, Part 21.A.3B. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 1321/2014 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 [Regulation (EU) 1321/2014 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [Regulation (EC) 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].

Design Approval Holder's Name:
ZODIAC SEATS FRANCE

Type/Model designation(s):
CABIN ATTENDANT SEAT 537 - SERIES

Effective Date:	24 August 2016
ETSO Authorisation(s):	EASA.21O.10036580
Foreign AD:	Not applicable
Supersedure:	None

ATA 25 – Equipment / Furnishings – Cabin Attendant Seat – Modification / Replacement

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Manufacturer(s):
Zodiac Seats France (formerly Sicma Aero Seat)

Applicability:
Zodiac Seats France Cabin Attendant Seats 537 series, having Part Number (P/N) 53701, all dash numbers, all serial numbers.

These seats are known to be installed on, but not limited to, ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Régional ATR 42 and ATR 72 aeroplanes.

Reason:
Cases were reported by operators of finding safety belt worn out at the attachment to the cabin attendant seat. This kind of belt damage is due to chafing between the belt and the surrounding metal lap belt fitting of the cabin attendant seat.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to failure of the attendant seat to perform its intended function, possibly resulting in injury to the seat occupant.

Prompted by these occurrences, Zodiac Seats France issued Service Bulletin (SB) No. 537-25-003, providing instructions to modify the affected seats.

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For the reason described above, this AD requires a modification of the seat pan shaft by installing new seat pan spacers, and subsequent re-identification with a new P/N.

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):
Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

(1) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD modify and re-identify each affected cabin attendant seat in accordance with the instructions of Zodiac Seats France SB No. 537-25-003.

(2) Do not install (see Note of this AD) an affected cabin attendant seat on any aeroplane, as required by paragraph (2.1) or (2.2) of this AD, as applicable

(2.1) For an aeroplane that, on the effective date of this AD, has an affected seat installed: After modification of that aeroplane as required by paragraph (1) of this AD.

(2.2) For an aeroplane that, on the effective date of this AD, does not have an affected seat installed: From the effective date of this AD.

Note: For the purpose of this AD, removal of a seat from an aeroplane and subsequent re-installation of that seat on that same aeroplane is not “installation” as specified in paragraph (2) of this AD.

Ref. Publications:
Zodiac Seats France SB No. 537-25-003 original issue dated 21 March 2016.

The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

Remarks:

1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.

2. This AD was posted on 30 May 2016 as PAD 16-079 for consultation until 27 June 2016. No comments were received during the consultation period.

3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.

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