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AD No.: 2010-0177 Date: 30 August 2010 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 EC 1702/2003, Part 21A.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].

| Type Approval Holder's Name : | | Type/Model designation(s): A319, A320 and A321 aeroplanes | |
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| AIRBUS | | | |
| TCDS Number : | EASA.A.064 | | |
| Foreign AD : | Not applicable | | |
| Supersedure : | This AD supersedes DGAC France AD F-2004-038 dated 17 March 2004, EAS Approval No. 2004-2110. | | |
| ATA 28 | Fuel System – Additional Centre Tanks Manhole Cover Seal – Replacement | | |
| Manufacturer(s): | Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie) | | |
| Applicability: | Airbus A319-111, A319-112, A319-113, A319-114, A319-115, A319-131, A319-132, A319-133, A320-211, A320-212, A320-214, A320-215, A320-216 A320-231, A320-232, A320-233, A321-111, A321-112, A321-131, A321-211 A321-212, A321-213, A321-231 and A321-232 aeroplanes, all serial numbers, if equipped with one or more Additional Centre Tank(s) (ACT(s)) with a Part Number (P/N) listed in Appendix 1 of this AD. This AD does not apply to aeroplanes fitted with ACT having received Airbus Modification 38036 in production. | | |
| Reason: | Following an automatic ACT fuel transfer failure on an A319, it was noted that the ACT manhole cover seals were extruded, allowing leakage. This condition, if not corrected, can lead to fuel and/or vapour leakage, possibly resulting in a combustible fuel vapour/air mixture in the cargo compartment, which would constitute a fire risk. DGAC France AD F-2004-038 was issued to require the replacement of the ACT manhole cover and its seal in accordance with SB A320-28-1105, but this modification has proved not to be fully effective. Therefore, it is necessary to replace the seal material and to change the installation process in order to prevent such seal deformation and possibility of leakage. For the reasons described above, this AD supersedes DGAC France AD F-2004-038 (EASA approval 2004-2110) and requires the replacement of the existing manhole seal with a new seal. | | |
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| Required Action(s) | Required as indicated, unless already accomplished: | | |
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| and Compliance Time(s): | (1) Within 3 000 flight cycles or 24 months, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD, modify the affected ACT by replacing the manhole seal in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A320-28-1162 Revision 01. | | |
| | (2) After the effective date of this AD, do not install an ACT whose P/N is listed in Appendix 1 of this AD on an aeroplane, unless it has been modified prior to its installation in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A320-28-1162 original issue or Revision 01. | | |
| Ref. Publications: | Airbus Service Bulletin A320-28-1162 Revision 01. 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. | | |
| | This AD was posted on 22 June 2010 as PAD 10-061 for consultation until 20 July 2010. The Comment Response Document can be found at http://ad.easa.europa.eu. | | |
| | Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Airworthiness Directives, Safety Management & Research Section, Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail ADS@easa.europa.eu. | | |
| | For any questions concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: AIRBUS – Airworthiness Office – EAS Fax +33 5 61 93 44 51, E-mail: account.airworth-eas@airbus.com. | | |

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Appendix 1

List of Additional Centre Tank (ACT) Part Numbers, affected by this AD:

| D2827091100200 | D2827091100400 |
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| D2827091100800 | D2827091101000 |
| D2827091300200 | D2827091300400 |
| D2827091300800 | D2827105100000 |
| D2827105100400 | D2827105100600 |
| D2827105200000 | D2827105200200 |
| D2827105200600 | D2827105200800 |
| D2827105300200 | D2827105300400 |
| D2827105300800 | D2827105400000 |
| D2827105400400 | D2827105400600 |
| D2827105401000 | D2827105401200 |
| D2827105500000 | D2827105500200 |
| D2827105500600 | D2827105500800 |
| D2827105600200 | D2827105600400 |
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