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AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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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 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) :	
AIRBUS		A319, A320 and A321 aeroplanes	
TCDS Number :	EASA.A.064		
Foreign AD :	Not applicable		
Revision:	This AD revises EASA AD 2011-0024 dated 15 February 2011, which superseded DGAC France AD F-2002-075R1 dated 16 March 2005, approved under EASA reference No 2005-2240.		
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ATA 32	Landing Gear – Main Landing Gear (MLG) Side-Stay Cuff Lug – Inspection / Repair		
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Manufacturer(s):	Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)		
Applicability:	Airbus A319-111, A319-112, A319-113, A319-114, A319-115, A319-131, A319-132, A319-133, A320-111, 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 manufacturer serial numbers, except aeroplanes on which Airbus modification 30648 has been embodied in production or Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A320-32-1223 (any revision) has been embodied in service, on left-hand (LH) and right-hand (RH) MLG.		
Reason:	One complete rupture of a pair of MLG side stay cuff lugs has been reported, resulting in the disconnection of the side-stay downlock springs from the lock stay links. This condition, if not detected and corrected, could prevent the MLG to lock-		
	down during a freefall ext consequent damage to the	ension, possibly resulting in MLG collapse with e aeroplane and injury to passengers.	
	To address this unsafe co require repetitive visual in and of the downlock sprin application of the associa	ondition, DGAC France issued AD F-2002-075R1 to aspections of both LH and RH side stay cuff lugs ags attachments (links) and, in case of findings, the ted corrective actions.	
	This AD retains the requin is superseded, and exten to 900 FH.	ements of DGAC France AD F-2002-075R1, which ds the inspection interval from 500 flight hours (FH)	



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Effective Date:	Revision 1: 14 March 2011 Original issue: 01 March 2011			
Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	 Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously: (1) Within the compliance time indicated in Table 1 of this AD, whichever of A or B occurs later, inspect both LH and RH side stay cuff lugs and links in accordance with the instructions defined in Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A320-32A1224. 			
	A	Within 60 months from the Mi aeroplane or before the accur the first flight of the aeroplane	LG first installation on an mulation of 9 000 FH sinc	e
	В	Within 500 FH after 02 Febru date of DGAC France AD F-2	ary 2002 [the effective 2002-075, original issue].	
	 (2) Thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 900 FH, repeat the visual inspection of the LH and RH MLG side stay cuff lugs and links in accordance with the instructions defined in Airbus SB A320-32A1224. The applicable task 321119-02-1 of the Maintenance Planning Document (MPD) also contains these instructions and can be used as reference to demonstrate compliance with the repetitive inspection requirements of paragraph (2) of this AD. Note: The inspection interval required by paragraph (2) of this AD overrides the 500 FH interval specified in Airbus SB A320-32A1224. (3) If, during any inspection required by paragraph (1) or (2) of this AD, the lugs on the MLG side-stay cuff or links (center joint) are found to be cracked or fractured, before next flight, replace the defective parts with serviceable parts, not listed in Table 2 of this AD, in accordance with the instructions defined in Airbus SB A320-32A1224. Table 2 - Affected Parts 			
		Part Name	Part Number (P/N)	
		Cuff sub assembly	P/N 201057208	
		Cuff	P/N 201057634	
		Cuff	P/N 201163309	
		Banana link sub assembly	P/N 201057204	
		Banana link	P/N 201057304	
	(4) Repl not c requ	acement of parts as required by constitute terminating action for ired by paragraph (2) of this AD	/ paragraph (3) of this AD the repetitive inspections ad RH MLG units on an	does as
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	inspection requirements of this AD for that aeroplane.	
Ref. Publications :	Airbus Service Bulletin A320-32A1224 Original or Revision 01.	
	Airbus Service Bulletin A320-32-1223 Original or Revision 01.	
	The use of later approved revisions of these documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.	
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 issuance of a Final AD with Request for Comments, postponing the public consultation process after publication 	
	 Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Airworthiness Directives, Safety Management & Research Section, Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail <u>ADs@easa.europa.eu</u>. 	
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