



## Airworthiness Directive

**AD No.:** 2019-0279

**Issued:** 15 November 2019

Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 on behalf of the European Union, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 129 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 (EU) 2018/1139, Article 71 exemption].

**Design Approval Holder's Name:**

AIRBUS

**Type/Model designation(s):**

A318, A319, A320 and A321 aeroplanes

**Effective Date:** 29 November 2019

**TCDS Number(s):** EASA.A.064

**Foreign AD:** Not applicable

**Supersedure:** None

### ATA 26 – Fire Protection – Cargo Compartment Fire Extinguishing Pipes – Inspection / Modification

#### Manufacturer(s):

Airbus, formerly Airbus Industrie

#### Applicability:

A320-214, A320-216, A320-231, A320-232, A320-233, A320-251N and A320-271N aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers (MSN) listed in the effectivity of any Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) at the revision as listed in Table 1 of this AD. Affected MSN are also listed in the Appendix 1 of this AD.

#### Definitions:

For the purpose of this AD, the following definitions apply:

**The applicable SB:** Airbus SB A320-26-1107 Revision (rev) 03, SB A320-26-1109 rev 01 or SB A320-26-1110 rev 01, as applicable.

**Groups:** Group 1 are aeroplanes on which any Airbus SB at the revision as listed in Table 1 of this AD has been embodied in service.

Group 2 aeroplanes are those which are not Group 1.



Table 1: Affected Installation

<b>Airbus SB</b>
A320-26-1082 rev 07
A320-26-1099 rev 01
A320-26-1107 rev 01 and rev 02
A320-26-1109 original issue
A320-26-1110 original issue

**Reason:**

Following the installation of a second cargo fire extinguishing bottle, insufficient clearance between the cargo fire extinguishing pipes has been reported.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to wear/chafing of the cargo fire extinguishing pipes, possibly resulting in reduced fire extinguishing capability in case of fire in a cargo compartment.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Airbus revised the instructions of the SBs installing a second cargo fire extinguishing bottle. Airbus also determined which aeroplanes embodied the second cargo fire extinguishing bottle modification, and provided instructions to inspect and, depending on findings, to modify the installation of the fire extinguisher pipes to ensure sufficient clearance.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires a one-time inspection for clearance and, depending on findings, installation of spacers between cargo fire extinguishing pipes. This AD also prohibits further installation of a second cargo fire extinguishing bottle, unless in accordance with updated (revised Airbus SB) instructions.

**Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):**

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

**Inspection:**

- (1) Group 1 aeroplanes: Within 8 months after the effective date of this AD, inspect the cargo fire extinguishing pipes installation in accordance with the instructions for additional work of the applicable SB, or contact Airbus for approved inspection instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.

**Corrective Action(s):**

- (2) If, during the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, insufficient clearance, as identified in the applicable SB, is found on an aeroplane, before next flight, modify that aeroplane in accordance with the instructions of the applicable SB.

**Modification Prohibition:**

- (3) Group 2 aeroplanes: From the effective date of this AD, do not modify any aeroplane in accordance with the instructions of any SB at the revision as listed in Table 1 of this AD.



**Ref. Publications:**

Airbus A320-26-1107 Revision 03 dated 19 June 2019.

Airbus A320-26-1109 Revision 01 dated 06 March 2019.

Airbus A320-26-1110 Revision 01 dated 06 March 2019.

The use of later approved revisions of the above-mentioned documents 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 as PAD 19-172 on 16 September 2019 for consultation until 14 October 2019. The Comment Response Document can be found in the [EASA Safety Publications Tool](#), in the compressed (zipped) file attached to the record for this AD.
3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the EASA Programming and Continued Airworthiness Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu).
4. Information about any failures, malfunctions, defects or other occurrences, which may be similar to the unsafe condition addressed by this AD, and which may occur, or have occurred on a product, part or appliance not affected by this AD, can be reported to the [EU aviation safety reporting system](#).
5. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: AIRBUS – Airworthiness Office – EIAS; Fax +33 5 61 93 44 51; E-mail: [account.airworth-eas@airbus.com](mailto:account.airworth-eas@airbus.com).



## Appendix 1 – Airbus SB effectivity by aeroplane model and MSN

## SB A320-26-1082 Revision 07

Models: A320-214, A320-216

MSN: 0764, 3448, 4201, 4212, 4236-4237, 4562, 4641, 5098, 5420, 5706, 5824, 5863, 5908, 6015, 6096, 6204, 6215

## SB A320-26-1099 Revision 01

Models: A320-216, A320-232

MSN: 2345, 3261

## SB A320-26-1107 Revision 01

Models: A320-214, A320-216

MSN: 4815, 5109, 5215, 5359, 5627, 6048, 6088, 7136

## SB A320-26-1107 Revision 02

Models: A320-214, A320-216

MSN: 3758, 4815, 5109, 5215, 5359, 5627, 6048, 6088, 7136

## SB A320-26-1109

Models: A320-214, A320-216, A320-231, A320-232, A320-233

MSN: 0429, 0764, 2011, 2633, 2656, 2683, 2731, 3040, 3261, 3379, 3381, 3414, 3416, 3435, 3437, 3448, 3451, 3453, 3457, 3474, 3479, 3483, 3488, 3495-3497, 3517, 3524, 3528, 3541, 3543, 3547, 3554, 3570, 3572, 3618, 3621, 3622, 3641, 3659, 3668, 3674, 3676, 3693, 3707, 3713, 3724, 3734, 3736, 3743, 3748, 3755, 3760, 3762, 3767, 3781-3783, 3800, 3804, 3811-3812, 3837, 3863, 3873, 3891, 3896, 3902, 3917, 3931, 3943, 3949, 3986, 4008, 4023, 4030, 4053, 4059, 4066, 4070, 4077, 4079, 4083, 4110, 4113, 4118, 4124, 4130, 4146, 4156, 4158, 4170, 4177-4178, 4181, 4183, 4188, 4199, 4201, 4210, 4212, 4216, 4218, 4229, 4236, 4237, 4245, 4247, 4255, 4257, 4263, 4293, 4296, 4303, 4312, 4328, 4331, 4339, 4343, 4356, 4366, 4371, 4384, 4388, 4395, 4417, 4421, 4434, 4436, 4443, 4445, 4457, 4460, 4466, 4468, 4469, 4479, 4481, 4485, 4488, 4491-4493, 4495-4497, 4502, 4506, 4515, 4518, 4524, 4527, 4528, 4532, 4535, 4539, 4541, 4543, 4552, 4561, 4568, 4578, 4595-4596, 4603, 4608, 4609, 4612, 4614, 4615, 4630, 4632, 4637, 4639, 4645, 4647, 4651, 4653, 4690, 4694, 4700, 4701, 4724, 4752, 4754, 4757, 4762, 4770, 4772, 4780, 4784, 4786, 4802, 4804, 4806, 4810, 4812, 4813, 4818, 4827, 4848, 4849, 4855, 4858, 4860, 4861, 4865, 4868-4870, 4872, 4874, 4879, 4884, 4888, 4890, 4899, 4904, 4914, 4915, 4918, 4922, 4926, 4930, 4931, 4934, 4937, 4947, 4952, 4954, 4958, 4961, 4965, 4968, 4970, 4973, 4979-4980, 4990, 5000, 5010, 5011, 5017, 5024, 5027, 5030, 5036, 5039, 5050, 5055, 5060, 5073, 5076, 5078, 5080, 5086, 5089-5090, 5092-5095, 5098, 5120, 5127, 5142-5143, 5145, 5147, 5148, 5155, 5161, 5171, 5175, 5182, 5188-5190, 5194, 5198, 5206, 5211, 5217, 5218, 5228, 5230-5231, 5245, 5248, 5255, 5258-5260, 5262, 5264, 5266, 5270, 5274, 5276, 5281, 5291, 5296, 5298, 5301, 5302, 5305, 5307, 5311-5313, 5323, 5334-5335, 5341, 5348, 5349, 5351, 5355, 5361, 5362, 5365, 5375, 5379, 5390, 5393-5395, 5399, 5401, 5407, 5411, 5414-5417, 5420, 5423, 5426, 5429, 5433, 5436, 5437, 5448, 5449, 5452, 5460, 5472, 5473, 5476, 5479, 5482, 5489, 5492, 5496, 5499, 5502, 5507, 5511-5512, 5514, 5520, 5530-5532, 5537, 5541, 5544, 5551, 5553, 5556, 5560, 5566, 5571, 5574, 5576-5577, 5596-5599, 5605, 5612, 5613, 5618, 5631, 5637, 5641, 5649, 5662, 5675-5677, 5680, 5683, 5685, 5695, 5697, 5701, 5706, 5708, 5712, 5714, 5717, 5718, 5721, 5723, 5725, 5727, 5732, 5734, 5738, 5744, 5772, 5775, 5777, 5780, 5782, 5791, 5793, 5794, 5796, 5805-5807, 5811, 5813, 5814, 5819, 5821, 5824, 5828-5830, 5835,



5850, 5853, 5857, 5858, 5863, 5870, 5871, 5877, 5882, 5885, 5889, 5892, 5893, 5894, 5898, 5900, 5901, 5903, 5908, 5915, 5923, 5924, 5926, 5928, 5940, 5951, 5952, 5956, 5968, 5971, 5979, 5984, 5988, 5990, 5992, 6000, 6003, 6007, 6010, 6015, 6018, 6023, 6029, 6032, 6036, 6037, 6054, 6064, 6069, 6072, 6076, 6078, 6080, 6084, 6096, 6106, 6109, 6112, 6113, 6117, 6118, 6120, 6123, 6128, 6134, 6136, 6140, 6142, 6147, 6158, 6166, 6176, 6184, 6187, 6189, 6198, 6200, 6204, 6207, 6208, 6212, 6215, 6223, 6224, 6226, 6229, 6234, 6237, 6243, 6246, 6247, 6254, 6257, 6262, 6270, 6275, 6278, 6285, 6287, 6289, 6293, 6296, 6297, 6302, 6306, 6311, 6322, 6333, 6336, 6343, 6350, 6362, 6365, 6374, 6375, 6381, 6388, 6408, 6417, 6426, 6428, 6430, 6434, 6439, 6442, 6444, 6446, 6449, 6455, 6458, 6465, 6474, 6476, 6478, 6480, 6481, 6492, 6500, 6503, 6513, 6516, 6518, 6522, 6527, 6538, 6553, 6557, 6580, 6583, 6596, 6604, 6659, 6665, 6669, 6690, 6700, 6704, 6715, 6724, 6733, 6735, 6737, 6749, 6753, 6771, 6773, 6775, 6776, 6785, 6787, 6795, 6803, 6808, 6816, 6820, 6835, 6838, 6843, 6851, 6865, 6889, 6898, 6917, 6919, 6939, 6942, 6943, 6944, 6978, 6980, 7006, 7030, 7035, 7068, 7077, 7080, 7091, 7096, 7100, 7110, 7116, 7163, 7169, 7203, 7213, 7221, 7225, 7226, 7262, 7267, 7297, 7315, 7319, 7347, 7356, 7378, 7411, 7423, 7425, 7426, 7434, 7435, 7450, 7453, 7469, 7491, 7543, 7585, 7614, 7620

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Models: A320-251N, A320-271N

MSN: 6772, 6829, 7124, 7150, 7195, 7209, 7236, 7273, 7309, 7401, 7417, 7459, 7466, 7475, 7480, 7483, 7486, 7505, 7508, 7512

