


EASA	AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE	
	<p>AD No.: 2008 - 0044</p> <p>Date : 27 February 2008</p>	
No person may operate an aircraft to which an Airworthiness Directive applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that Airworthiness Directive unless otherwise agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry.		
Type Approval Holder's Name: EUROCOPTER		Type/Model designations: AS 350 and AS 355 helicopters
TCDS Number: EASA R.008 and R.146		
Foreign AD: Not applicable		
Supersedure: DGAC AD F-2001-087-062 and F-2001-088-082, both released on 21 March 2001		
ATA 25	Equipment / Furnishings - Rear Bench Seat and Sliding Doors - Limitation / Removal / Modification.	
Manufacturer(s):	EUROCOPTER (formerly EUROCOPTER-FRANCE, AEROSPATIALE)	
Applicability:	AS 350 helicopters models B, BA, BB, B1, B2, B3, D and AS 355 helicopters models E, F, F1, F2, N, equipped with rear bench seat, unless modified in accordance with Modification (MOD) 073166 [AS 350 Service Bulletin No.25.00.70 or AS 355 Service Bulletin No.25.00.66].	
Reason:	<p>Following reports of loss of the rear bench seat cushions during flight, DGAC France issued in March 2001, Airworthiness Directive (AD) F-2001-087-062 for AS 355 helicopters and AD F-2001-088-082 for AS 350 helicopters.</p> <p>These two ADs mandated the removal of cushions from the rear bench seat, before any flight with the sliding door(s) open or with the door(s) removed. The actions specified by these ADs were intended to prevent in-flight loss of rear bench seat cushions and possible impact with the main or tail rotor and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.</p> <p>Since the issuance of AD F-2001-087-062 and AD F-2001-088-082, the Type Certificate Holder designed the Modification 073166 to improve the attachments of the rear bench seat.</p> <p>The present AD supersedes DGAC France AD F-2001-087-062 and AD F-2001-088-082, but retains their limitations for rotorcrafts non-modified per Mod 073166 [AS 350 Service Bulletin (SB) No.25.00.70 or AS 355 SB No.25.00.66] and identifies MOD 073166 as optional terminating action for such limitations.</p>	
Effective Date:	12 March 2008	

Compliance:	<p>PREVIOUS REQUIREMENT OF SUPERSEDED ADS</p> <p>1. From 21 March 2001 (effective date of F-2001-087-062 and F-2001-088-082), REMOVE THE CUSHIONS FROM THE REAR BENCH SEATS BEFORE FLYING WITH THE DOOR(S) REMOVED OR THE SLIDING DOOR(S) IN THE OPEN POSITION.</p> <p>OPTIONAL TERMINATING ACTION</p> <p>2. Embodiment of MOD 073166, in accordance with AS 350 SB No. 25.00.70 or AS 355 SB No. 25.00.66 terminates the restrictions imposed by paragraph 1. of this AD.</p>
Ref. Publications:	<p>EUROCOPTER AS 350 Service Bulletin No. 25.00.70 original issue; EUROCOPTER AS 355 Service Bulletin No. 25.00.66 original issue.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of these documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
Remarks:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can accept Alternative Method of Compliance for this AD. 2. This AD was posted on 16 January 2008 as PAD 08-007 for consultation until 30 January 2008. No comments were received during the consultation period. 3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be addressed to the AD Focal Point, Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu . 4. For any questions concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: EUROCOPTER (STD1) - Aéroport de Marseille Provence 13725 Marignane Cedex - France. Tel: +33 (0) 4 42 85 97 97 - Fax: +33 (0) 4 42 85 99 66. E-mail: Directive.technical-support@eurocopter.com