

BUREAU VERITAS

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspections and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

Translation of "Consigne de Navigabilité"
Réf. : 82-24-24(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should
be made to the French original issue.

AEROSPATIALE AS 350 HELICOPTERES ALL MODELS (ASTAR AND ECUREUIL)

TAIL ROTOR BLADES 350A.12.0020 TO .10, 350A.12.0030.00 TO .05, 350A.08.1011.00

CHECKING THE BONDING OF STAINLESS STEEL PROTECTIONS ON LEADING EDGES

Following several cases of severe bonding separation of stainless steel protections on leading edges of above referenced blades, found at a low number of operating hours, and to check for strength of this bonding, the following measures have been rendered mandatory :

- Inspection of bonding in accordance with the "sounding" method described in work card AS 350 n° 65.20.601 in which the permissible separation criteria are detailed.

This inspection should be performed :

- A) - For blades between 0 and 100 operating hours since new or overhaul

Following the first flight of each blade, then every 10 hours of flight until accumulation of 100 hour of flight.

- B) - For blades with more than 100 operating hours since new or overhaul

Within the 10 hours of flight following the effective date of the directive to confirm the effectiveness of the inspections normally performed in accordance with maintenance recommendations in force.

NOTE : in addition to the requirements of the present directive the instructions given in the master servicing recommendations (MSR) are to be complied with in the normal way. MSR AS 350, CH 5.24, P. 2 is the subject of a temporary amendment (fast circulation procedure) to include the checks rendered mandatory by the present directive.

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