

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. : 82-99-6(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should
be made to the French original issue.

AEROSPATIALE HELICOPTERS AS 355 ALL MODELS (ECUREUIL II AND TWINSTAR)

UPPER FIN ATTACHMENT FITTING

The present airworthiness directive is applicable to AS 355 helicopters, all models, which have not been modified in accordance with AEROSPATIALE Service Bulletin AS 355 n° 55.02 (Modification AMS 350A.07.1047, reinforcement of the upper fin fish plate).

The requirements of the present airworthiness directive are to be added to those of airworthiness directive n° 81-204-2(B) and, therefore, are also applicable to aircraft modified in accordance with AEROSPATIALE Service Bulletin AS 355 n° 55.01 (Modifications AMS 350A.07.1046 and 1050).

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Following several cases of cracks experienced in service, the visual inspection prescribed in AEROSPATIALE Service Bulletin AS 355 n° 55.03 is hereby rendered mandatory and shall be carried out within the next 10 hours of operation after the effective date of the present directive and, thereafter, repeated at intervals not to exceed 10 hours of operation.

If in doubt, perform a dye penetrant inspection and if a crack is evidenced, replace the attachment fitting before any further flight in accordance with AEROSPATIALE Service Bulletin AS 355 n° 55.02.

The replacement of attachment fitting in accordance with AEROSPATIALE Service Bulletin AS 355 n° 55.02 eliminates the mandatory requirement for the recurring inspection prescribed in the present airworthiness directive.

Cf. : AEROSPATIALE S. B. AS 355 n° 05.03

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