

**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. : 86-32-27(B)  
In case of any difficulty, reference should  
be made to the French original issue.

### **AEROSPATIALE HELICOPTERS AS 355 ALL MODELS (ECUREUIL II/TWINSTAR)**

#### **Interference of emergency floatation gear with rear steps on raised skid-type landing gear**

The present Airworthiness Directive is applicable to AEROSPATIALE AS 355 series helicopters, all models, which are equipped with both the optional raised skid-type landing gear and emergency floatation gear installations and which are not modified in accordance with AEROSPATIALE modification AMS 350 A 07-1755.

A possibility of interference between the steps fitted to the raised skid-type landing gear rear cross-beam, and the RH and LH floatation bags in the inflated configuration, has been evidenced.

In consequence, the following measures have been made mandatory to preclude the risk of floatation bag puncture, unless already complied with.

Within the next 10 hours of flight following the effective date of the present Airworthiness Directive, remove the rear RH and LH steps P/N 350 A 41-0172-00 and -01 or -06 and -07, in accordance with AEROSPATIALE Telex Service AS 355 number 32-04A.

The same removal operation is to be carried out prior to installation of the optionnal emergency floatation gear on an helicopter fitted with the optional raised skid-type landing gear installation.

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Ref. : AEROSPATIALE AS 355 Telex Service 32-04 A

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