

# 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'

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In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AEROSPATIALE AS 355 helicopters all versions

### Tail rotor drive shaft bearings

The present Airworthiness Directive applies to AEROSPATIALE AS 355 helicopters versions E, F, F1, F2 and N equipped with FAFNIR tail rotor drive shaft bearings P/N P.9107.NPP7 not marked "X" on sealing flanges and installed on those helicopters which were acceptance tested by AEROSPATIALE Marignane :

- between May 15, 1991 and July 20, 1991,
- prior to May 15, 1991 and which have logged less than 100 operating hours.

Further to some reports of extensive damage to FAFNIR tail rotor drive bearings P/N P.9107.NPP7, the following measure is rendered mandatory at the effective date of the present Airworthiness Directive :

- at the latest, during the check after the last flight of the day, check the bearings according to the procedure given in paragraph BB of AEROSPATIALE Telex Service N° 01-35.

Ref. : AEROSPATIALE Telex Service N° 01-35

The present AD was the subject of a Telegraphic communication to the affected operators on July 24, 1991.

EFFECTIVE DATE : JULY 29, 1991

July 31, 1991

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