

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspection 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' ref. : 1999-459-049(A) R1
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

EUROCOPTER

AS 365N helicopters

Enlarged sliding doors - Non-jettisonable windows (ATA 01, 52)

1. AIRCRAFT CONCERNED

AS 365 helicopters, versions N, N1, N2 and N3 fitted with enlarged sliding doors delivered from the works before November 1st, 1999.

2. REASON

This Airworthiness Directive is issued following the occurrence of the loss in flight of a non-jettisonable window installed on an enlarged sliding door. The purpose of this Airworthiness Directive is to prevent such loss which could lead to impact with the tail rotor blades and result in loss of the control of the helicopter.

Revision 1 of this Airworthiness Directive takes into consideration the conversion of the Service Telex into a Service Bulletin. The modifications apply to the form, nothing has been changed with respect to the checks.

3. ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE

The following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of the original issue of this Airworthiness Directive.

Within the next 10 flying hours (unless already carried out), visually check the position of each window in compliance with the instructions given in paragraph 2B of referenced EUROCOPTER AS 365N Service Bulletin No. 01.00.49.

- If the window is mounted correctly (window mounted inside the door), resume flights without any limitation.
- If the window is not mounted correctly (window mounted outside the door), before resuming the flights, comply with the procedure given in paragraph 2B of referenced Service Bulletin.

Note: If you have to resume flights prior to installing a compliant window:

- remove the window from the sliding door,
- apply the Rotorcraft Flight Manual limitations regarding flights with enlarged sliding doors open.

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This Revision 1 replaces the original Airworthiness Directive 1999-459-049(A) dated December 1st, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATES:

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on November 12, 1999**

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