

Safety Information Bulletin

Airworthiness

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Subject: Rupture of the Restraint System Buckle Cover

Ref. Publications:

- Airbus Helicopters (AH) Safety Information Notice (SIN) 3279-S-25 Revision 2 dated 30 May 2023.
- SAFRAN SEATS Service Bulletin (SB) 198-25-009 Revision 1 dated 28 February 2023.

Applicability:

Airbus Helicopters AS 350 B2, AS 350 B3, AS 355 NP and EC 130 T2 helicopters, equipped with -198 series crew seats or -284 series passenger seats.

Description:

Occurrences were reported of the rupture of belt buckles manufactured by Anjou Aéronautique and installed on some AH helicopters. To address this safety issue, EASA issued AD [2018-0195](#), identifying a batch of potentially affected parts and requiring replacement with non-affected parts. Since that AD was issued, further occurrences were reported, some of them involving parts not included in the batch identified in the AD. Consequently, AH published the above referenced SIN, recommending embodiment of SAFRAN SEAT SB 198-25-009 Revision 1.

This SIB is issued to remind operators of the risk associated to the rupture of the restraint system buckle and to provide applicable recommendations.

At this time, the safety concern described in this SIB is not considered to be an unsafe condition that would warrant Airworthiness Directive (AD) action under Regulation (EU) [748/2012](#), Part 21.A.3B.

Recommendation(s):

EASA reminds all owners and operators of an affected helicopter that malfunctioning of the buckle could delay the evacuation from the helicopter, in the event of an emergency landing.

EASA recommends all owners and operators of an affected helicopter to maintain the torso restraint systems manufactured by Anjou Aéronautique in accordance with the instructions as specified in the applicable Anjou Aéronautique Component Maintenance Manuals. In addition, all owners and operators of an affected helicopter should consider accomplishment of the instructions of SAFRAN SEAT SB 198-25-009 Revision 1.

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