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A350 XWB NDT In-Service Damage Assessment

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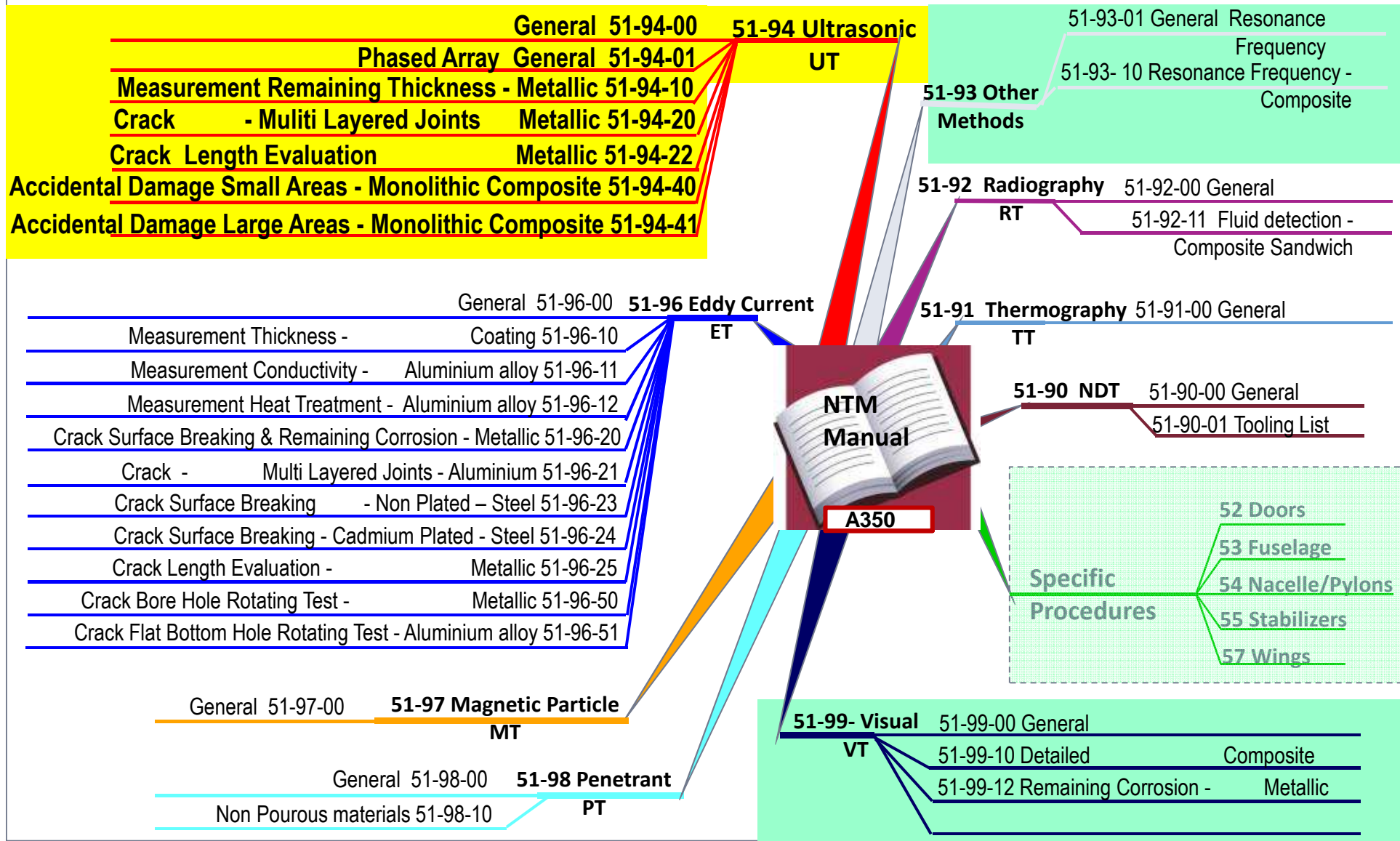
ANDT (NTM) Procedures at Entry Into Service

- **General methods** description 51-9X-00
 - **Description of methods for information**
 - **Link to international standards (ASTM International...)**
- **General 51's** procedures 51-9X-(1-9)X
 - **Unscheduled In-service** damage **assessment & prior repairs**
 - **Called up in RDAS** (Repair Design Approval Sheet), **ASR** (SRM), **ISB's**
 - **Customized & re-validated** for new materials/designs/programs
- **Specific procedures**
 - **Reference for scheduled maintenance tasks ATA 52 to 57**
 - **Called up in MPD, MP, ISB's**

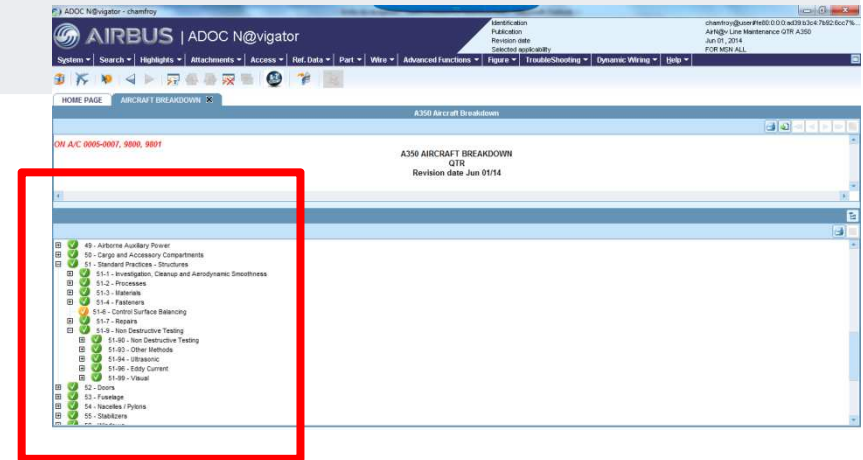


General procedures & methods ready at Entry Into Service

A350 ANDT Re-structured Manual - General Overview



A350 ANDT New breakdown



- 50 - Cargo and Accessory Compartments
- 51 - Standard Practices - Structures
 - 51-1 - Investigation, Cleanup and Aerodynamic Smoothness
 - 51-2 - Processes
 - 51-3 - Materials
 - 51-4 - Fasteners
 - 51-6 - Control Surface Balancing
 - 51-7 - Repairs
 - 51-9 - Non Destructive Testing
 - 51-90 - Non Destructive Testing
 - 51-93 - Other Methods
 - 51-94 - Ultrasonic
 - 51-96 - Eddy Current
 - 51-99 - Visual
- 52 - Doors
- 53 - Fuselage
- 54 - Nacelles / Pylons

Introduction & tooling specification
 Dedicated to Non NDT specialist
 General procedures managed by methods
 Specific procedures



New breakdown & Task numbering

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- **Other method chapter 51-93-00**
 - Can be used by a non-NDT specialist
- **Procedures:**
 - 51-93-20: Line Tool - Fuselage
 - 51-93-30: Scratch depth measurement
 - ...

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Dedicated chapter for None NDT specialist

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- **Ultrasonic chapter 51-94-00**

- Used by a NDT specialist

- **Procedures:**

- 51-94-40: Ultrasonic Manual
- 51-94-41: Ultrasonic Phased Array
- ...

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NDT general procedures under NAS 410/ EN4179 qualification rules

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A350 ANDT New tooling referencing

- **NDT tooling** referenced by **Airbus codes (ID)**
 - **Specification** approach
 - **Technical Data Sheet** → **key tooling parameters** for the **inspection**
- **Objective**
 - **Guide** Maint. Eng., A/L & MRO on **up to date data**
 - **Clearer tooling Reference & Description**
 - **Easier NDT alternative tool selection** by NDT inspector (level II/III)
 - **Homogenise & Standardise** tooling
 - **Identify & manage** properly tooling **config. & obsolescence**



Key tooling parameters to ease tool selection & alternatives

A350 ANDT New tooling referencing- Example



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Issue: 001 - Date: December 31, 2012


Accidental Damage Large Areas - Mor site - Test for cracks and other defects

*** On A/C : 0007-0008**

3. Tooling List

ID	Item	Designation	Key Parameters	Tool de Pr
USP-DDAE	1) Search Unit	Search Unit	<1>	5L64NW
SNW10	2) Wedge	Wedge	<2> 0 Degree 20 mm (0.787 in) Delay Line	U870026
OMNIS	3) Instrument	Ultrasonic Equipment	<3>	PAUT16 (OMNIP
	4) Calibration Block	Calibration Block Set	<4>	CALIBR STAND
	5) Calibration Block	Calibration Block Set	<4>	STANDA CALIBR
	6) Wheel Encoder	Wheel Encoder		ENC1-5

<1> Couplant: Any water-soluble couplant, for example ZGF.
 <2> Couplant for wedge assembly: Oil or similar high viscosity couplant.
 <3> System Software MXU-2.OR7 was used in the development of this procedure.



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Issue: - Date:

Manual:
Selected applicability: 0007


USP-DDAE

ULTRASONIC SEARCH UNIT

1. BASIC SPECIFICATION

USE	PHASED ARRAY
NUMBER OF ELEMENTS	64 ELEMENTS
FREQUENCY	5MHz
GEOMETRY	66°19'25
TASKS	SEE DMG-AJ-A-51-94-41-00ZZZ-355Z-A

2. DRAWING



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● Procedures: Impact damage on composite

- 51-94-40: Ultrasonic Manual
- 51-94-41: Ultrasonic Phased Array

- Both procedures alternatives
- Recommended to use the phased array as far as possible
- Wheel probe recommended for fuselage inspection

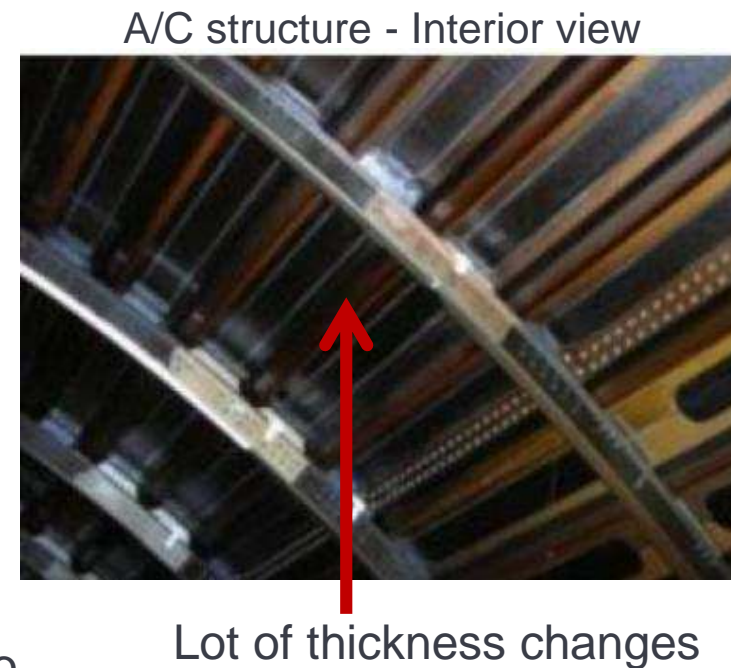
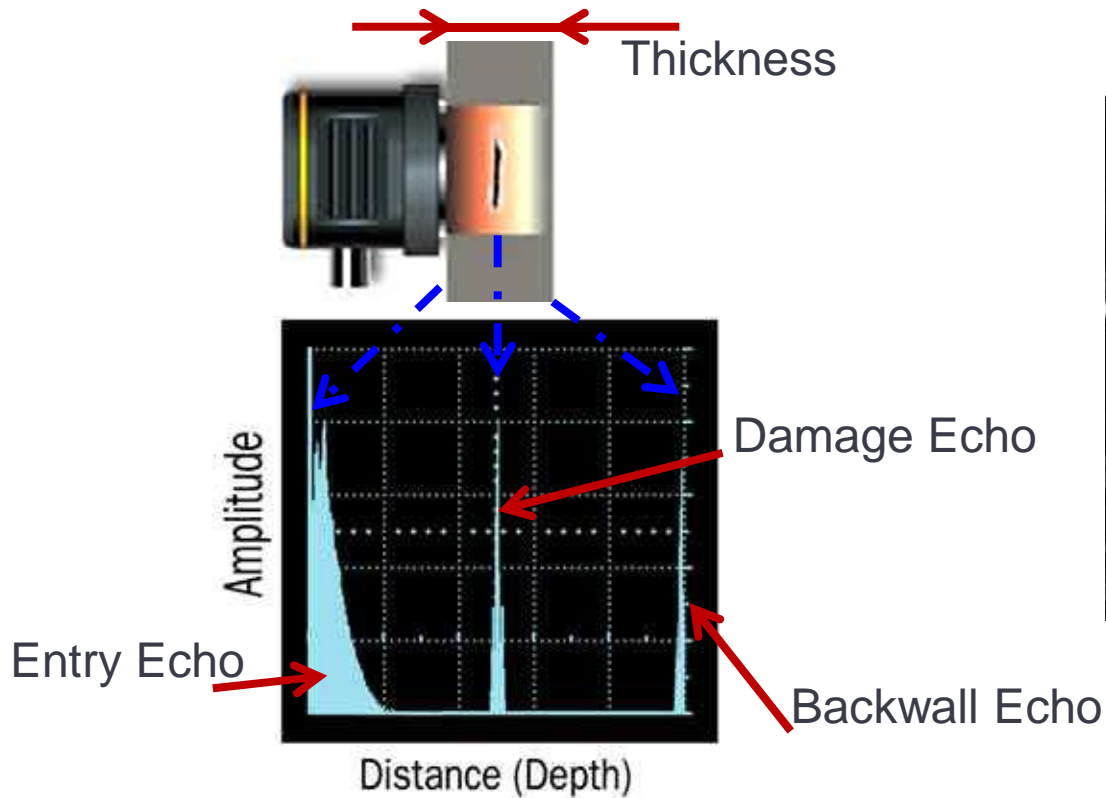
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NDT specialists to be trained/familiar with Ultrasonic's Phased Array technology

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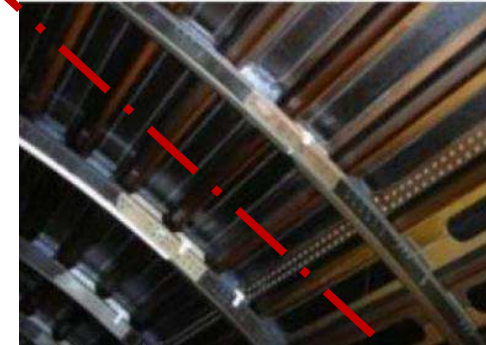
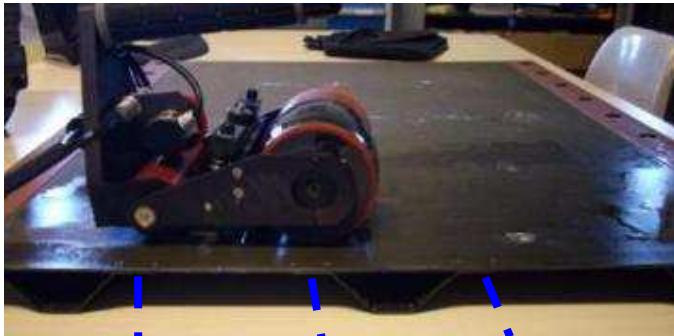
- **Single element probe – A-scan inspection principle**



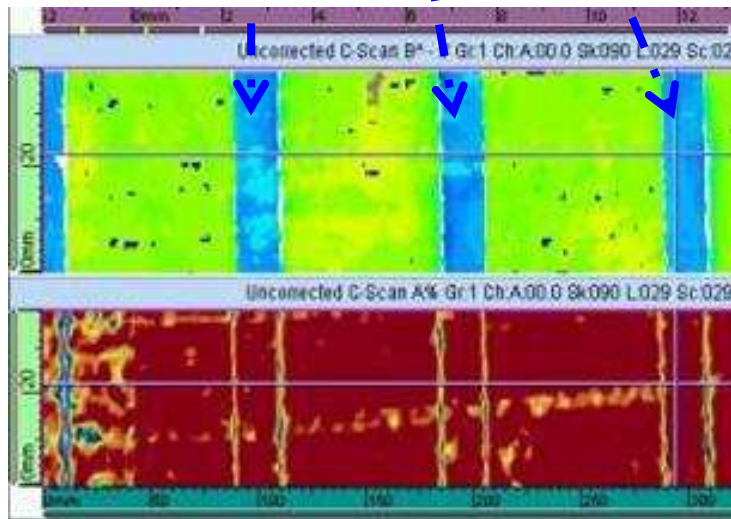
UT A-scan inspection needs experience and time

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- **Phased Array - C-scan example**

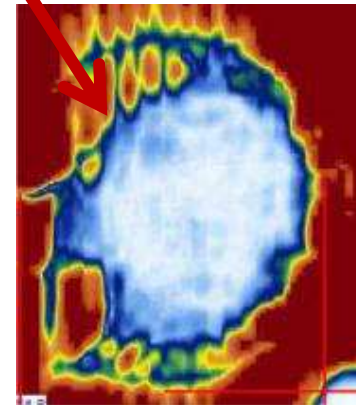


Typical damage → Irregular form



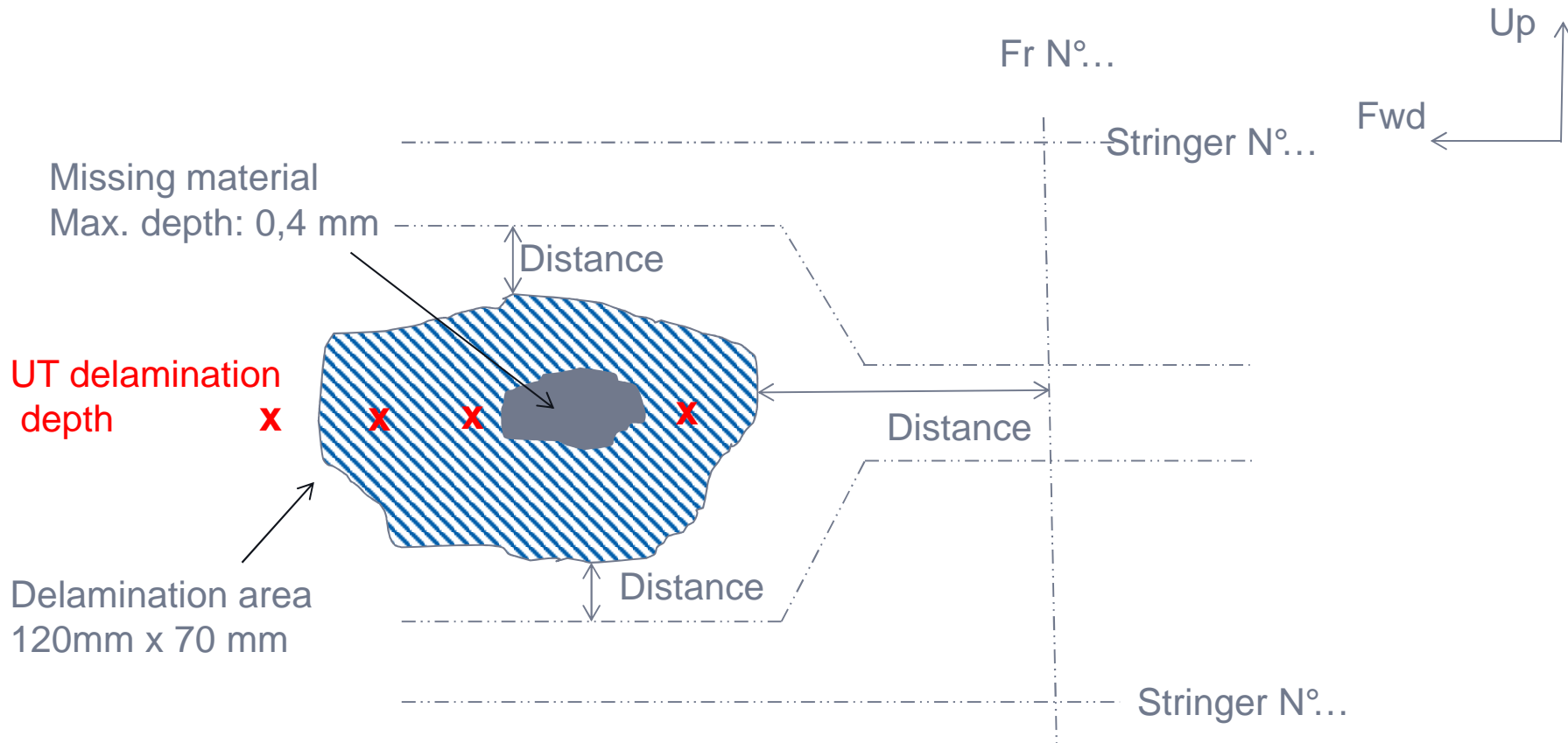
C-scan thickness
"time of flight"

C-scan amplitude



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Delamination Damage Reporting



Note: No stringer disbond



New delamination depth measurement to be included

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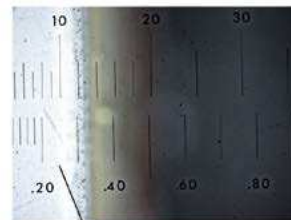
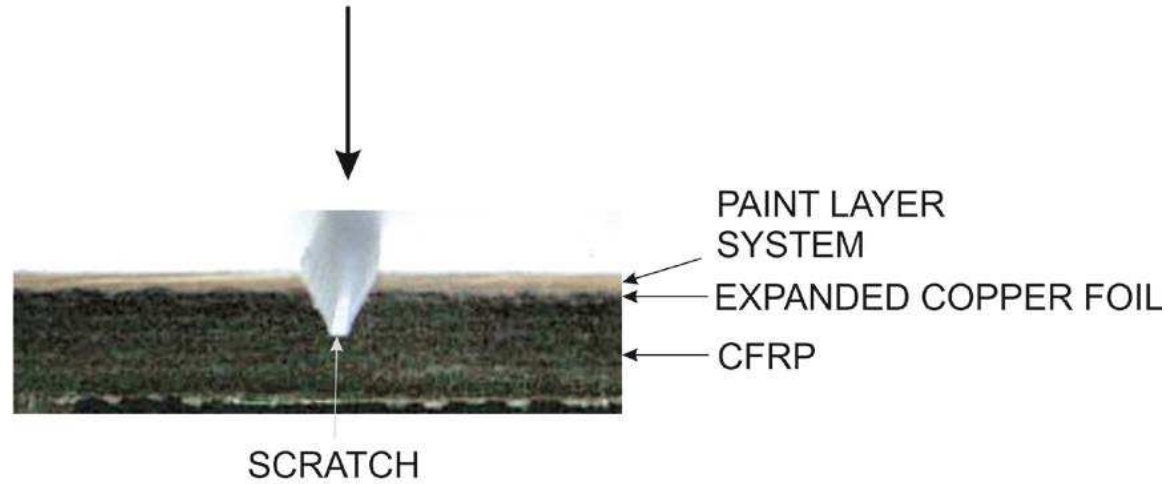
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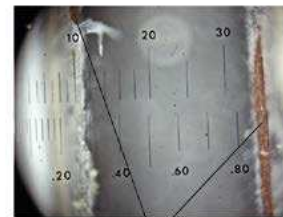
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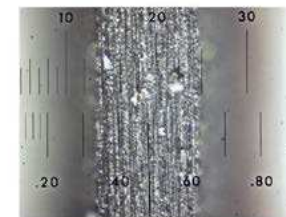
VIEWING DIRECTION
THROUGH DIGITAL
OPTICAL MICROMETER



FOCUSSING TO OUTSIDE
VIEW OF PAINT LAYER
SYSTEM



FOCUSSING TO EXPANDED
COPPER FOIL AND END OF
PAINT LAYER SYSTEM



FOCUSSING TO BASE OF
SCRATCH

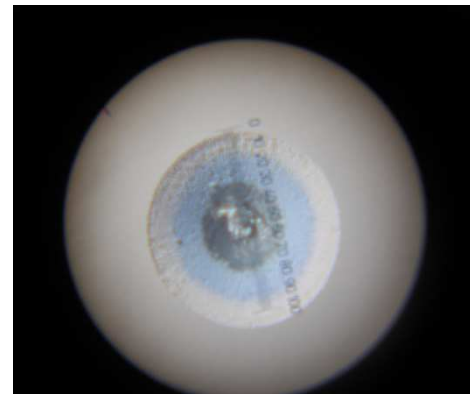
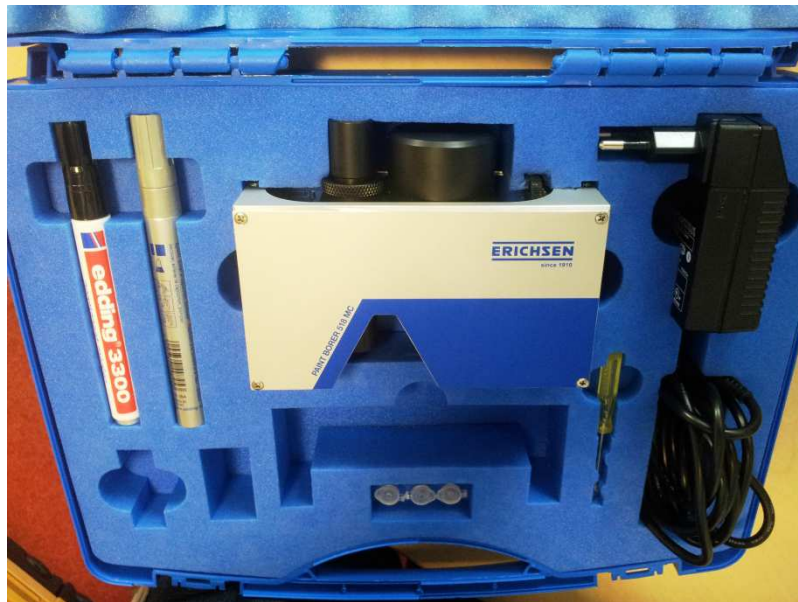


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Paint thickness assessment

- **Paint borer**



ANDT 51-93-4x candidate dedicated to radom

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Paint thickness assessment

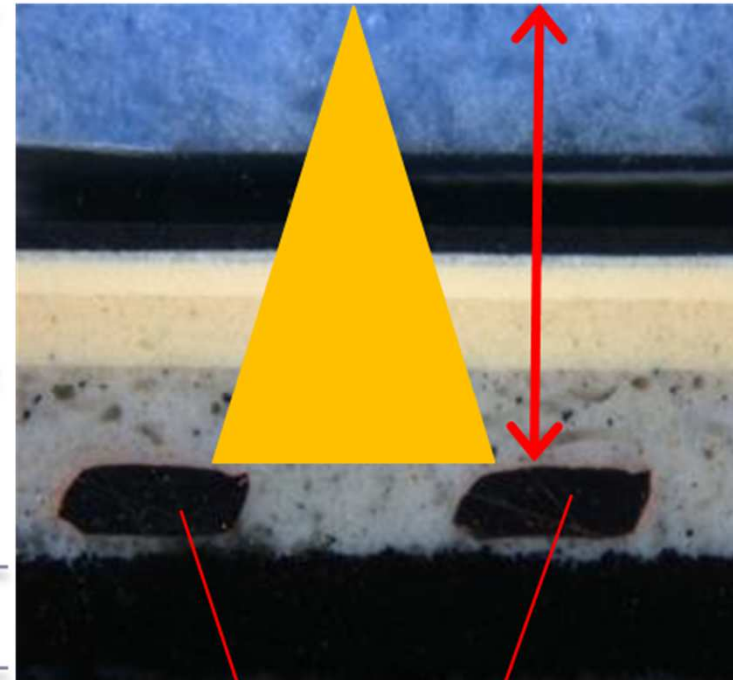
- **Advanced Eddy current gauge**



External surface protection

Pigmented resin with ECF

CFRP



Expanded Copper Foil (ECF)



ANDT 51-93-4x candidate after repair

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Paint thickness assessment

- **Microwave solution**

Microwave is applicable on ECF as well as on the CFRP substrate without ECF.



ANDT 51-93-4x candidate dedicated to paint shop

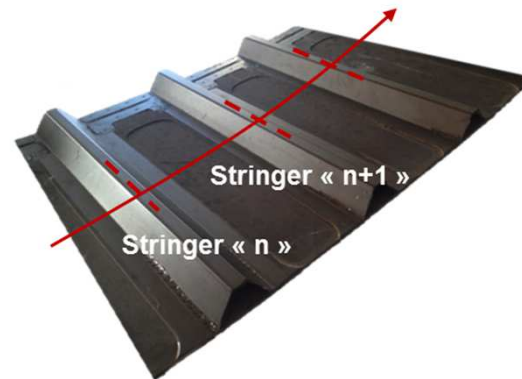
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Fuselage damage assessment

● “Line tool” : In-service benefits

- Prevent flight delay and cancellation due to NDT personnel availability
- Provide quick and reliable statement
- Easy impact localisation for recording

● “Line tool” : Functions

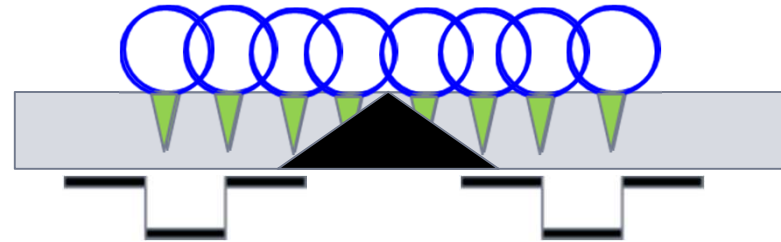


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Fuselage damage assessment

- “Line tool” Airbus patent : Delamination detection function



A/C release



Need for NDT
assessment

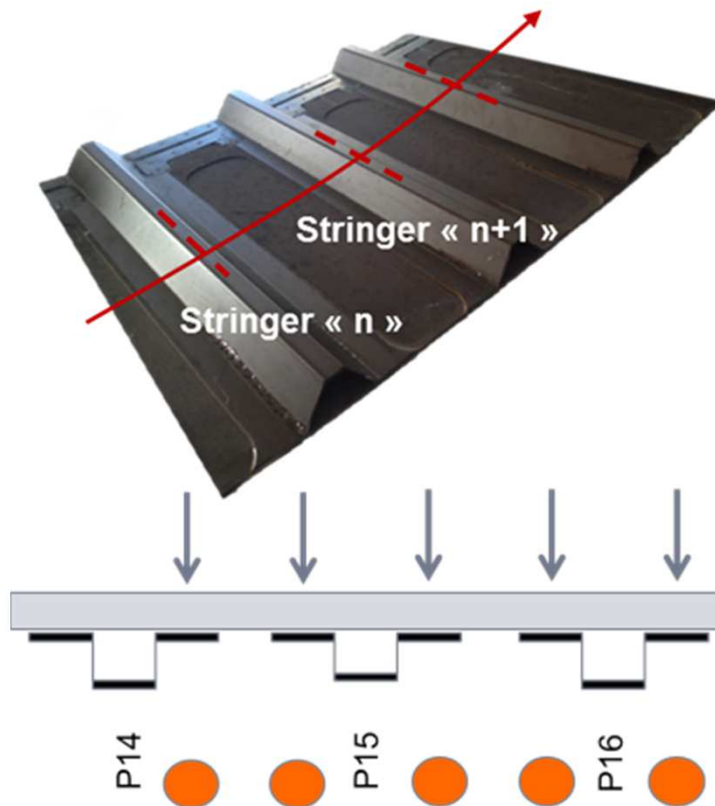


No calibration / No need for internal knowledge of the structure

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Fuselage damage assessment

- “Line tool” Airbus patent : Stringer counting function



- Packaging
 - 600mm x 400mm x 200 mm
 - not exceed 8kg
- Design
 - For Airport usage
- Weather conditions
 - (-20°C/+55°C)
 - IP54 compliant.
- Stored
 - A/C cabin
 - cargo tempered conditions
- Battery
 - Autonomy 2H minimum
 - keep full as long as possible
 - fast charge on A/C



Useful to quickly identify stringer in the inspection area

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Line Tool is ready for Entry In-Service



Airbus working on advanced solutions

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