



## Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

**PAD No.: 17-033**

**Issued: 17 March 2017**

Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) 216/2008 on behalf of the European Union, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.

In accordance with the EASA Continuing Airworthiness Procedures, the Executive Director is proposing the issuance of an EASA Airworthiness Directive (AD), applicable to the aeronautical product(s) identified below.

All interested persons may send their comments, referencing the PAD Number above, to the e-mail address specified in the 'Remarks' section, prior to the consultation date indicated.

**Design Approval Holder's Name:**

ROLLS-ROYCE plc

**Type/Model designation(s):**

RB211 Trent 700 engines

**Effective Date:** [TBD - standard: 14 days after Final AD issue date]

**TCDS Number(s):** EASA.E.042

**Foreign AD:** Not applicable

**Supersedure:** This AD supersedes EASA AD 2017-0003 dated 09 January 2017.

### ATA 72 – Engine – Compressor Intermediate Case – Inspection / Repair

**Manufacturer(s):**

Rolls-Royce plc (RR)

**Applicability:**

RB211 Trent 768-60, 772-60, 772B-60 and 772C-60 engines, all serial numbers.

These engines are known to be installed on, but not limited to, Airbus A330 aeroplanes.

**Reason:**

It has been determined that certain compressor intermediate cases (CIC), repaired by RR Repair FRSC005, have a higher probability of cracking, due to increased residual stresses which were applied during the weld repair process.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to CIC failure, possibly resulting in damage to, and/or reduced control of, the aeroplane.

To address this potential unsafe condition, RR issued Alert Non-Modification Service Bulletin (NMSB) RB.211-72-AH976 (later revised), providing inspection instructions and identifying the affected CIC and modules.



Consequently, EASA issued AD 2017-0003 to require a one-time fluorescent-penetrant inspection (FPI) of each affected CIC and, depending on findings, accomplishment of a repair.

Since that AD was issued, as some doubt exists whether all post-repair FRSC005 engines are identified in the original NMSB, a visual inspection of the compressor intermediate case is deemed necessary, and RR issued NMSB RB.211-72-AH976 Revision 2 accordingly.

For the reason described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2017-0003, which is superseded, but adds a visual inspection to determine if 'FRSC005' is etched on the compressor intermediate case.

**Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):**

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

Note 1: Where in this AD, reference is made to an RR SB or NMSB with an 'A' (Alert) in the number, it should be recognised that an earlier or later revision may not have that 'A'. This kind of change does not effectively alter the publication references for the purpose of this AD.

Note 2: RR NMSB RB.211-72-AH976 Revision 2 is hereafter referred to as 'the NMSB' in this AD.

**Inspection:**

- (1) During the next qualified shop visit (see Note 3 of this AD), or within 6 000 engine flight cycles, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD, visually inspect the compressor intermediate case and, for those engines with 'FRSC005' etched on it, accomplish an FPI of the CIC in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.

Note 3: For the purpose of this AD, a qualified shop visit is where the engine is undergoing a non-modular rework level of engine refurbishment.

**Corrective action(s):**

- (2) If, during the FPI as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, a CIC is found cracked, before release to service of the engine, accomplish RR Repair FRSC372 on that CIC, or replace it with a serviceable CIC.

**Credit:**

- (3) Inspection and corrective action(s) of an engine, accomplished before the effective date of this AD in accordance with the instructions of RR Alert NMSB RB.211-72-AH976 at original issue or Revision 1, is acceptable to comply with the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this AD.

**Part(s) Installation:**

- (4) From the effective date of this AD, it is allowed to install an intermediate module or a CIC on an engine, provided that, prior to installation, it is determined that 'FRSC005' is not etched on the compressor intermediate case, or the CIC has passed an FPI in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.



**Ref. Publications:**

Rolls-Royce Alert NMSB RB.211-72-AH976 dated 03 November 2016, or Revision 1 dated 17 November 2016, or Revision 2 dated 16 March 2017.

The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

**Remarks:**

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 14 April 2017.
2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu).
3. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact your designated Rolls-Royce representative, or download the publication from your Rolls Royce Care account at <https://customers.rolls-royce.com>.

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