



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 19-062

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Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 on behalf of the European Union, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 129 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 DEUTSCHLAND Ltd & Co KG

Type/Model designation(s):

RB211 Trent 900 engines

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.E.012

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: This AD supersedes EASA AD 2018-0185 dated 29 August 2018.

ATA 71 – Powerplant – Breather Drains Mast Assembly – Inspection / Replacement

Manufacturer(s):

Rolls-Royce plc

Applicability:

RB211 Trent 970-84, 972-84 and 972E-84 engines, all serial numbers (ESN), except those which have Rolls-Royce modification (mod) 72-AK047 embodied in production. ESN 91565 and higher have mod 72-AK047 embodied in production.

These engines are known to be installed on, but not limited to, Airbus A380 aeroplanes.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this AD, the following definitions apply:

Where, in this AD, reference is made to a Rolls-Royce mod, Non-Modification Service Bulletin (NMSB) or Service Bulletin (SB) 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.

The NMSB: Rolls-Royce Trent 900 Alert NMSB RB.211-71-AJ576 Revision 2.



The modification SB: Rolls-Royce Alert SB RB.211-72-AK047.

Affected part: Breather drains mast assemblies, Part Number (P/N) FW29847 (pre-mod 72-H499), and P/N KH31996 (post-mod 72-H499), as applicable.

Serviceable part: An affected part that is new (never installed on an engine), or has passed an inspection, before installation, in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB; or an improved breather drains mast assembly P/N KH83453, installed in accordance with the modification SB.

Passed an inspection: No cracks or other defects were found, or defects were corrected, during an inspection of an affected part.

Groups: Group 1 engines are those that have drains mast P/N KH31996 installed and have mod/SB 80-H632 embodied. Group 2 engines are those that have drains mast P/N FW29847 installed, or have drains mast P/N KH31996 installed and do not have mod/SB 80-H632 embodied.

Reason:

Occurrences were reported on in-service RB211 Trent 900 engines, where cracks were found in the transition duct area of the drains mast, which is part of the fire wall in Zone 1.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could, in combination with a fire in the surrounding area, lead to a breach of the fire wall, possibly resulting in an uncontrolled fire and consequent reduced control of the aeroplane.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Rolls-Royce published NMSB RB.211-71-AJ576 at original issue to provide inspection instructions for engines with drains mast P/N KH31996 and post-mod 80-H632 vent ejector installed, which were determined as more susceptible to cracking. Consequently, EASA issued AD 2017-0075 (later revised) to require, for engines with post-mod 80-H632 vent ejector installed, a one-time inspection of drains mast P/N KH31996 and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective action(s). P/N FW29847 (pre-mod 72-H499) drains masts were not affected by that AD.

After EASA AD 2017-0075R1 was issued, prompted by in-service findings, it was decided to expand the group of affected engines, including those with pre-mod 80-H632 vent ejector installed, and to expand the group of affected parts, to include P/N FW29847 (pre-mod 72-H499) drains masts. Rolls-Royce published NMSB RB.211-71-AJ576 Revision 1 accordingly. It was also decided that repetitive inspections are necessary to ensure continued fleet safety. Consequently, EASA issued AD 2018-0185, retaining the requirements of EASA AD 2017-0075R1, which was superseded, expanding the affected engines by adding those with pre-mod 80-H632 vent ejector installed, and engines with drains mast P/N FW29847 (pre-mod 72-H499) installed, and requiring repetitive inspections of all affected engines.

Since that AD was issued, Rolls-Royce developed mod 72-AK047, introducing an improved breather drains mast assembly, P/N KH83453, and drains support bracket, featuring material and geometry changes. This modification allows terminating the repetitive inspections. Rolls-Royce published NMSB RB.211-71-AJ576 Revision 2 (the NMSB) accordingly.



For the reason described above, this AD retains the requirement of EASA AD 2018-0185, which is superseded, and requires replacement of the affected parts by installing an improved breather drains mast assembly P/N KH83453.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

Inspection:

- (1) Within the compliance time specified in Table 1 of this AD, as applicable, or within 24 months after first operation of the engine, whichever occurs later, and, thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 24 months, visually inspect the external areas of the affected part in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.

Table 1 – Initial Inspection

Group	Compliance Time
1	Within 24 months after 16 May 2017 [the effective date of EASA AD 2017-0075]
2	Within 24 months after 12 September 2018 [the effective date of EASA AD 2018-0185]

Corrective Action(s):

- (2) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, any visual crack is detected, as defined in the NMSB, before next flight, seal the crack in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.
- (3) Within 100 engine flight cycles after the corrective action as required by paragraph (2) of this AD, replace the affected part with a serviceable part in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.

Credit:

- (4) Inspection(s) and corrective action(s) on an engine, accomplished before the effective date of this AD in accordance with the instructions of Rolls-Royce Alert NMSB RB.211-71-AJ576 at original issue, or Revision 1, are acceptable to comply with the initial requirements of paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this AD for that engine.

Modification:

- (5) Within 16 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the engine by replacing the affected part with an improved breather drains mast assembly and drains support bracket in accordance with the instructions of the modification SB.

Concurrent Requirement for engines in pre-mod/SB 72-H499 configuration:

- (6) Before or concurrently with modification of an engine as required by paragraph (5) of this AD, modify that engine in accordance with the instructions of Rolls-Royce SB RB.211-72-H499.



Terminating Action:

- (7) Modification of an engine as required by paragraph (5) of this AD constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspections as required by paragraph (1) of this AD for that engine.

Part Installation:

- (8) For Group 1 engines: From 16 May 2017 [the effective date of EASA AD 2017-0075] until modification of an engine as required by paragraph (5) of this AD, it is allowed to install on that engine an affected part, provided it is a serviceable part, as defined in this AD.
- (9) For Group 2 engines: From 12 September 2018 [the effective date of EASA AD 2018-0185] until modification of an engine as required by paragraph (5) of this AD, it is allowed to install on that engine an affected part, provided it is a serviceable part, as defined in this AD.

Ref. Publications:

Rolls-Royce NMSB RB.211-71-AJ576 original issue dated 17 March 2017, or Revision 1 dated 11 July 2018, or Revision 2 dated 05 April 2019.

Rolls-Royce SB RB.211-72-H499 original issue dated 16 October 2013.

Rolls-Royce Alert SB RB.211-72-AK047 original issue dated 16 October 2018.

The use of later approved revisions of the above-mentioned documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation 26 April 2019.
2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the EASA Programming and Continued Airworthiness Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.
3. Information about any failures, malfunctions, defects or other occurrences, which may be similar to the unsafe condition addressed by this PAD, and which may occur, or have occurred on a product, part or appliance not affected by this PAD, can be reported to the [EU aviation safety reporting system](#).
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