



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 20-017

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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):

Trent XWB-97 engines

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.E.111

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 73 – Engine Fuel & Control – Engine Electronic Controller Software – Update

Manufacturer(s):

Rolls-Royce plc

Applicability:

Trent XWB-97 engines, all serial numbers.

These engines are known to be installed on, but not limited to, Airbus A350 aeroplanes.

Definitions:

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

The SB: Rolls-Royce Alert Service Bulletin (SB) TRENT XWB 73-AK304, or Airbus SB A350-73-P008.

Where, in this AD, reference is made to a Rolls-Royce SB with an 'A' (Alert) in the number, it should be recognised that a later revision may not have that 'A'. This kind of change does not effectively alter the publication references for the purpose of this AD.

Affected SW: Engine electronic controller (EEC) software (SW) XWB_97-5.3.3, Part Number (P/N) RRY29XWB0041019, and earlier versions and P/N.



Serviceable SW: EEC SW XWB_97-7.0, P/N RRY23XWB0001024, or later approved versions and P/N.

Groups: Group 1 engines are those that have an EEC with an affected SW installed.

Group 2 engines are those that have an EEC with serviceable SW installed. An engine having ESN 26126 or higher, is a Group 2 engine, provided that the EEC SW currently installed on the engine is serviceable SW, as defined in this AD.

Reason:

During ground tests, it was found that a P30 (air pressure) sense line could become partially blocked with a mixture of ice and water, which would cause a time-lag in the P30 signal, interfering with the fuel flow limit calculations.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to loss of thrust control, possibly resulting in reduced control of the aeroplane.

To address these potential unsafe conditions, Rolls-Royce defined a new EEC SW, XWB_97-7.0, P/N RRY23XWB0001024, which corrects these issues.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires updating the EEC SW. This AD also prohibits installation of affected SW on any engine.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

SW update:

- (1) For Group 1 engines: Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, update the EEC SW in accordance with the instruction of the SB.

Parts Installation:

- (2) Do not upload affected SW on any engine or EEC, as required by paragraph (2.1) or (2.2) of this AD, as applicable.

(2.1) For Group 1 engines: After modification of the engine as required by paragraph (1) of this AD.

(2.2) For Group 2 engines: From the effective date of this AD.

Engine/EEC Installation:

- (3) From the effective date of this AD, it is allowed to install on any aeroplane an engine or EEC with affected SW, provided that, within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, or before release to service of the aeroplane, whichever occurs later, the engine or EEC, as applicable, is modified to install serviceable SW, as defined in this AD.

Ref. Publications:

Rolls-Royce Alert SB TRENT XWB 73-AK304 original issue dated 08 November 2019.

Airbus SB A350-73-P008 original issue dated 10 December 2019.



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 on 21 February 2020.
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](#).
4. 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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send an email through http://www.rolls-royce.com/contact/civil_team.jsp identifying the correspondence as being related to **Airworthiness Directives**.

