



# Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

**PAD No.: 22-140**

**Issued: 24 October 2022**

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):

RB211-535E4 engines

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

**TCDS Number(s):** EASA.E.061

**Foreign AD:** Not applicable

**Supersedure:** This AD supersedes EASA AD 2012-0265 and AD 2012-0266, both dated 18 December 2012, AD 2014-0249R1 dated 18 February 2015 and AD 2015-0148 dated 24 July 2015. This AD also supersedes CAA UK AD 006-05-2001 dated May 2001 and AD G-2003-0007 dated 25 November 2003.

## ATA 05 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Time Limits Manual / Maintenance Programme – Amendment

### Manufacturer(s):

Rolls-Royce plc

### Applicability:

RB211-535E4-37, RB211-535E4-B-37 and RB211-535E4-C-37 engines, all serial numbers.

These engines are known to be installed on, but not limited to, Boeing 757 aeroplanes.

### Definitions:

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

**The TLM:** Rolls-Royce RB211-535E4 Time Limits Manual (TLM) T-211(535)-6RR revision 56 dated 01 May 2022.



**The AMP:** The Aircraft Maintenance Programme (AMP) contains the tasks on the basis of which the scheduled maintenance is conducted to ensure the continuing airworthiness of each operated engine. For an engine installed on an aeroplane operated under EU regulations, the operator or the owner ensures compliance with the AMP as stipulated in Commission Regulation (EU) [1321/2014](#).

**New and/or more restrictive instructions:** This includes all instructions that are new and all instructions for which a threshold or interval was reduced, which were introduced into the TLM (as defined in this AD) since the previous TLM revision that is currently incorporated in the AMP.

**Reason:**

The Airworthiness Limitations Section instructions for RB211-535E4 engines, which are approved by EASA, are defined and published in TLM T-211(535)-6RR. These instructions have been identified as mandatory for continued airworthiness.

Failure to accomplish these instructions could result in an unsafe condition.

Previously, CAA UK issued AD 006-05-2001 and AD G-2003-0007, and EASA issued AD 2012-0265, AD 2012-0266, AD 2014-0249 (later revised) and AD 2015-0148, the requirements of which have since been transferred into the TLM. More recently, Rolls-Royce revised the TLM, introducing new and/or more restrictive instructions.

For the reason described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2012-0265, AD 2012-0266, AD 2014-0249R1 and AD 2015-0148, and CAA UK AD 006-05-2001 and AD G-2003-0007, which are superseded, and requires accomplishment of the instructions specified in the TLM.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

**Mandatory Inspections and Replacement of Life Limited Parts:**

(1) From the effective date of this AD, accomplish the following instructions, as specified in the TLM, as applicable to engine model and depending on engine configuration:

(1.1) Replace each component before exceeding the applicable life limit, and

(1.2) Within the thresholds and intervals, accomplish each applicable mandatory inspection.

**Corrective Action(s):**

(2) In case of finding discrepancies (as defined in the TLM) during accomplishment of any action as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, within the compliance time specified in the TLM, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) in accordance with approved Rolls-Royce instructions for continued airworthiness. If no compliance time is identified in the TLM, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) before next flight. If a detected discrepancy is not identified in the TLM, before next flight, contact Rolls-Royce for approved instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.



**AMP Revision:**

- (3) Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, revise the approved AMP by incorporating the instructions and associated thresholds and intervals described in the TLM, as applicable to engine model and depending on engine configuration.

**Credit:**

- (4) If, before the effective date of this AD, the AMP has been revised to incorporate the instructions as specified in a previous revision of TLM T-211(535)-6RR, that AMP revision ensures the continued accomplishment of those instructions.

Consequently, for an aeroplane to which that AMP applies, it is acceptable to accomplish the new and/or more restrictive instructions as specified in the TLM, as applicable to engine model and depending on engine configuration, within the compliance times as specified in the TLM, as defined in this AD, to comply with paragraph (1) of this AD.

For that AMP, it is acceptable to incorporate only the new and/or more restrictive instructions as specified in the TLM, as applicable to engine model and depending on engine configuration, into the AMP to comply with paragraph (3) of this AD.

**Recording AD Compliance:**

- (5) When the AMP of an aeroplane has been revised as required by paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, that revision ensures continued accomplishment of the actions as required by paragraphs (1) and (2) of this AD for the engine(s) installed on that aeroplane. Consequently, after revising the AMP, as required by paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, it is not necessary that accomplishment of individual action is recorded for demonstration of AD compliance on a continued basis.

**Ref. Publications:**

Rolls-Royce RB211-535E4 TLM T-211(535)-6RR revision 56 dated 01 May 2022.

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

**Remarks:**

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 21 November 2022.
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. 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](#). This may include reporting on the same or similar components, other than those covered by the design to which this PAD applies, if the same unsafe condition can exist or may develop on an aircraft with those components installed. Such components may be installed under an FAA Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA), Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) or other modification.



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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or send an email through <https://www.rolls-royce.com/contact-us/civil-aerospace.aspx> identifying the correspondence as being related to **Airworthiness Directives**.

