



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

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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 1000 engines

Effective Date: [TBD, planned: 7 days after AD issue date]

TCDS Number(s): EASA.E.036

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 72 – Engine – Low Pressure Compressor Blades – Inspection / Replacement

Manufacturer(s):

Rolls-Royce plc

Applicability:

Trent 1000-A2, Trent 1000-AE2, Trent 1000-C2, Trent 1000-CE2, Trent 1000-D2, Trent 1000-E2, Trent 1000-G2, Trent 1000-H2, Trent 1000-J2, Trent 1000-K2 and Trent 1000-L2 engines, all engine serial numbers (ESN).

These engines are known to be installed on, but not limited to, Boeing 787 aeroplanes.

Definitions:

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

The NMSB: Rolls-Royce Alert Non-Modification Service Bulletin (NMSB) TRENT 1000 72-AK965.

Where, in this AD, reference is made to a Rolls-Royce modification (mod), Service Bulletin (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.



Affected part: Low pressure (LP) compressor blades, having Part Number (P/N) FW61399 and a serial number (s/n) as identified in Appendix 1 (Table 1 and Table 2) of the NMSB. Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the NMSB also identifies (for information only) the individual engines (ESN) where the affected parts were known to be installed at the time of NMSB issuance. Table 2 of Appendix 1 of the NMSB identifies affected parts which, at the time of NMSB issuance, were known not to be installed on any in-service engine and available as spare parts.

Serviceable part: Any P/N LP compressor blade, eligible for installation, which is not an affected part, either new or service-used material (SUM); or an affected part which has passed an inspection (no defects found that would result in rejecting the blade) in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.

Groups: Group 1 engines are those that have an affected part installed. Group 2 engines are those that do not have an affected part installed.

Reason:

It has been determined that certain affected parts are at risk of cracking, due to incorrect dressing instruction, potentially performed on areas of low wall thickness and high localised internal stress level.

This condition, if not inspected and corrected, could lead to multiple LP compressor blade failure and release of uncontained high-energy debris, with consequent engine in-flight shut-down (IFSD), possibly resulting in reduced control of and/or damage to the aeroplane.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Rolls-Royce issued the NMSB, as defined in this AD, providing inspection instructions.

For the reason described above, this AD requires a one-time inspection of the certain affected parts, and, depending on findings, replacement. This AD also regulates the (re)installation of certain other affected parts.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

Inspection:

- (1) For Group 1 engines: Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, inspect each affected part, having an s/n as listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the NMSB, in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.

Corrective Action:

- (2) If, during the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, any affected parts are found with dressing in the high-stressed region, within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, replace those affected parts with serviceable parts in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.



Part(s) Installation:

- (3) For Group 1 and Group 2 engines: From the effective date of this AD, it is allowed to install on any engine an affected part, provided it is a serviceable part, as defined in this AD.

Ref. Publications:

Rolls-Royce TRENT 1000 Alert NMSB 72-AK965 original issue dated 19 May 2023.

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 July 2023.
2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the EASA Safety 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](#). 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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