



# Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

**PAD No.:** 24-055

**Issued:** 21 May 2024

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 - standard: 14 days after AD issue date]

**TCDS Number(s):** EASA.E.036

**Foreign AD:** Not applicable

**Supersedure:** None

## ATA 72 – Engine – High Pressure Compressor / Mini-Disc Anti-Rotation Block – Inspection

**Manufacturer(s):**

Rolls-Royce plc

**Applicability:**

Trent 1000-A, Trent 1000-AE, Trent 1000-C, Trent 1000-CE, Trent 1000-D, Trent 1000-E, Trent 1000-G and Trent 1000-H engines that have Rolls-Royce Service Bulletin (SB) 72-G319 or SB 72-G893 embodied (known as Trent 1000 'Pack B' engine models Trent 1000-A/01, Trent 1000-A/01A, Trent 1000-AE/01, Trent 1000-AE/01A, Trent 1000-C/01, Trent 1000-C/01A, Trent 1000-CE/01, Trent 1000-CE/01A, Trent 1000-D/01, Trent 1000-D/01A, Trent 1000-E/01, Trent 1000-E/01A, Trent 1000-G/01, Trent 1000-G/01A, Trent 1000-H/01, Trent 1000-H/01A), except those that have embodied Rolls-Royce modification (mod) 72-AK645 in production, or have embodied the applicable SB in service.

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 NMSB TRENT 1000 72–AK540 Revision 2.

Where, in this AD, reference is made to a Rolls-Royce mod, Service Bulletin (SB) or Non-Modification SB (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:** High pressure compressor (HPC) mini-disc anti-rotation block.

**Reason:**

Design review identified a possibility of release of an affected part into the HPC assembly stage 5 and 6 discs and cone rotor rear shaft (HPC rear drum) during engine operation.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to reduction of the safe life of the impacted parts, possibly resulting in structural failures of engine critical parts.

To address this potentially unsafe condition, Rolls-Royce issued the NMSB to provide inspection instructions.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires repetitive borescope inspections and, depending on finding, removal of the engine from service. This AD allows an alternative method to borescope inspection for operators using Rolls-Royce Engine Health Monitoring (EHM) service.

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

Required as indicated by this AD, unless the action(s) required by this AD have been already accomplished:

**Inspection(s):**

- (1) Within 800 engine flight cycles (EFC) after the effective date of this AD and, thereafter at intervals not to exceed 800 EFC accomplish borescope inspection of the HPC rear drum cavity and cavities between each HPC rotor disc in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.

**Corrective Action(s):**

- (2) If, during any inspection of an engine, as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, any missing or loose affected part; or any foreign object is detected, before next flight remove that engine from service and, before release to service, contact Rolls-Royce for applicable repair instructions and accomplish those instruction accordingly.

**Alternative Method:**

- (3) Operation of an engine using Rolls-Royce EHM service and meeting the criteria of section 1.D(1)(b) 'Compliance Method B' of the instructions of the NMSB is an acceptable method to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) of this AD for that engine, provided that after receipt of a Rolls-Royce EHM notification for vibration or anti-rotation plate release, all the corrective actions are accomplished within the compliance time and in accordance with the instructions contained in that notification.



**Terminating Action:**

(4) None.

**Ref. Publications:**

Rolls-Royce Alert NMSB TRENT 1000 72-AK540 Revision 2 dated 22 April 2024.

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 18 June 2024.
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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