



## Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

**PAD No.: 24-142**

**Issued: 21 November 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:** **Type/Model designation(s):**

ROLLS-ROYCE DEUTSCHLAND Ltd & Co KG 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:** None

### ATA 72 – Engine – Combustion Rear Inner Case Bolt – Replacement / Modification

#### Manufacturer(s):

Rolls-Royce plc

#### Applicability:

RB211 Trent 970-84, Trent 970B-84, Trent 972-84, Trent 972B-84, Trent 972E-84, Trent 977-84, Trent 977B-84 and Trent 980-84 engines, all serial numbers.

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:

**Affected part:** Combustion rear inner case (CRIC) bolt having Part Number (P/N) FW82729, which is not a serviceable part.

**Serviceable part:** Any CRIC bolt P/N FW82729 which has never been previously installed and operated.

**The NMSB:** Rolls-Royce Alert Non-Modification Service Bulletin (NMSB) RB211 72-AJ698 Revision 1.



The NMSB has an 'A' (Alert) in the number, but a later revision may not have that 'A'. This kind of change does not effectively alter the publication references.

**The modification SB:** Rolls-Royce Service Bulletin (SB) RB211 72-K550.

**Qualified shop visit:** Hospital, Check and Repair (Level 2), Refurbishment (Level 3) or Overhaul (Level 4) shop visits, starting after the effective date of this AD, whenever the high-pressure turbine rotor is removed.

**Reason:**

Occurrences of fracture of affected parts were reported. The damaged parts were detected during engine shop visits and stress corrosion was identified to be the root cause of the occurrences.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to similar fractures of the affected part, damage of adjacent engine critical parts, potentially resulting in uncontained release of parts and damage to the aeroplane.

To address this potential unsafe condition Rolls-Royce issued the NMSB to provide repetitive replacement instructions applicable to the affected part. Rolls-Royce also issued the modification SB installing improved CRIC assembly which is not affected by the unsafe condition addressed by this AD.

For the reason described above, this AD requires repetitive replacements of the affected part and modification of an engine. This AD recognises the modification SB as terminating action for the repetitive replacements of the affected part.

**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:

**In-Shop Replacement:**

- (1) From the effective date of this AD, during each qualified shop visit (as defined in this AD), replace each affected part with a serviceable part in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.

**Modification:**

- (2) Within 155 months after the effective date of this AD, modify the engine in accordance with the instructions of the modification SB.

**Terminating Action:**

- (3) Modification of an engine as required by paragraph (2) of this AD constitutes terminating action for repetitive replacements of the affected part as required by paragraph (1) of this AD for that engine.

**Engine Installation:**

- (4) From the effective date of this AD, first installation on an aeroplane of an engine released to service after a qualified shop visit, as defined in this AD, is allowed, provided that no affected



parts are installed on that engine, or that the engine is modified as required by paragraph (2) of this AD.

#### Ref. Publications:

Rolls-Royce Alert NMSB RB211 72-AJ698 original issue dated 04 July 2017, or Revision 1 dated 21 November 2024.

Rolls-Royce SB RB211 72-K550 original issue dated 15 September 2021, or Revision 1 dated 08 August 2024.

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

