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Design Approval Holder's Name:
ROLLS-ROYCE DEUTSCHLAND Ltd & Co KG

Type/Model designation(s):
Trent 1000 engines

Effective Date: 10 November 2026

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ATA 72 – Engine – High Pressure Turbine Blades – Inspection

Manufacturer(s):
Rolls-Royce plc

Applicability:
Trent 1000-AE3, Trent 1000-CE3, Trent 1000-D3, Trent 1000-G3, Trent 1000-H3, Trent 1000-J3, Trent 1000-K3, Trent 1000-L3, Trent 1000-M3, Trent 1000-N3, Trent 1000-P3, Trent 1000-Q3 and Trent 1000-R3 engines, engine serial number (ESN) prior to ESN 11603.

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-AK316 Revision 7.

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

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Affected part: High pressure turbine (HPT) blades, having Part Number (P/N) KH64485 (post-mod/SB 72-J550).

Note 1: HPT blades having P/N KH64485 can also be installed as a kit comprising a set of 66-off post-mod/SB 72-J550 HPT blades in accordance with Rolls-Royce SB TRENT 1000 72−L042.

Serviceable part: An HPT blade having P/N KH83037 or special spares assembly P/N LV22428 (SB TRENT 1000 72−K335); or P/N LV34900 or special spares assembly P/N LV36552 (SB TRENT 1000 72-L088).

Reason:
In-service experience has shown that the affected part can deteriorate to an unacceptable condition despite being subject of the inspections and limits published in Trent 1000 Configuration, Maintenance and Procedures and Maintenance Planning Document.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to HPT blade failure, possibly resulting in engine in-flight shutdown (IFSD) and consequent reduced control of the aeroplane.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Rolls-Royce developed on-wing borescope inspection instructions and issued NMSB TRENT 1000 72-AK316 accordingly. Prompted by this development, EASA issued AD 2019-0099 (later revised) to require repetitive inspections of the affected parts to detect leading edge axial cracking and, depending on findings, removal from service of the engine for in-shop replacement of the affected parts. That AD also introduced de-pairing instructions and a 1 000 flight cycles (FC) limitation.

After EASA AD 2019-0099R2 was issued, EASA published AD 2024-0118 superseding the previous AD and removing the de-pairing instructions, reducing the inspection thresholds and introducing Convex surface inspections. Later, EASA issued EASA AD 2024-0118R1 to include an additional acceptable method for installation of HPT blades having P/N KH64485 in accordance with Rolls-Royce SB TRENT 1000 72-L042.

After EASA AD 2024-0118R1 was issued, Rolls-Royce issued the NMSB TRENT 1000 72-AK316 at Revision 6, defining additional limits for axial cracks on the leading edge (Area A) and Convex (Area C4) surfaces, reducing the inspections threshold and removing the 1 000 FC life limit. Additionally, Rolls-Royce issued SB TRENT 1000 72−K335 introducing revised HPT blades featuring additional cooling holes in the blade aerofoil and shroud, and geometry changes to the blade root inlet duct feature to increase the cooling air flow. This SB also introduced a revised Combustion Rear Inner Casing bypass case assembly featuring geometry changes to the top-up holes to increase the pre-swirl air flow to the blades. Consequently, EASA issued AD 2025-0206 (later revised) partially retaining the requirements of EASA AD 2024-0118R1, which was superseded (including its original issue), and required inspections within reduced compliance time, introduced follow-on inspections of cracked blades and, depending on findings, required replacement of the full set of affected parts. That AD also introduced optional terminating action for repetitive inspections required by that AD.

Since that AD was issued, Rolls-Royce issued the NMSB (as defined in this AD) which introduced modified instructions focusing specifically on Leading Edge (LE) and Convex Surface findings.

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For the reasons described above, this AD partially retains the requirements of EASA AD 2025-0206R1 and requires accomplishment of the updated instructions provided in the NMSB.

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) Before exceeding the compliance time as specified in Table 1 of this AD, as applicable, but not exceeding 50 FC since last inspection of the affected parts in accordance with the instructions of Rolls-Royce Alert NMSB TRENT 1000 72-AK316 up to Revision 6 (inclusive), and, thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 50 FC, accomplish an on-wing borescope inspections of the leading edge (Area A) and Convex surface (Area C4) of all affected parts in accordance with the instructions of Section 3.C of the NMSB.

Table 1 – Inspection Threshold(s) (see Note 2 of this AD)

FC Accumulated	Compliance Time
Less than 500 FC	Before exceeding 550 FC
500 FC or more	Within 50 FC after 06 October 2025 [the effective date of this EASA AD 2025-0206 at original issue]

Note 2: Unless indicated otherwise, the FC specified in Table 1 of this AD are those accumulated by the engine(s) on 06 October 2025 [the effective date of this EASA AD 2025-0206 at original issue] since first flight, or since last in-service HPT blade set replacement(s), as applicable.

(2) From the effective date of this AD, within 10 FC after IFSD of an engine on an aeroplane, except when that engine is deliberately shut-down and automatically re-started immediately as part of a standard aeroplane acceptance test, accomplish an on-wing borescope inspection of all affected parts installed on the not-affected (no IFSD) engine of that aeroplane in accordance with the instructions of Section 3.C of the NMSB.

Follow-on inspections and corrective actions applicable to the front surface of the LE Area (A) of the affected part (see Note 3 of this AD):

(3) If during any inspection as required by paragraph (1) or (2) of this AD any crack is detected which is fully contained between the cooling holes Row 2 and Row 3 of the affected part and does not extend fully between Row 2 and Row 3 of the affected part and does not extend through the cooling hole, within 50 FC after detecting the crack(s) and, thereafter at intervals, not to exceed 50 FC accomplish on-wing borescope inspections of the front surface of each HPT blade at LE (Area A) in the LE Row 2 (cooling holes 3-6) and Row 3 (cooling holes 1-3 from tip) of all affected parts in accordance with the instructions of Section 3.C of the NMSB.

Note 3: The NMSB includes illustration figures indicating the positioning of the cooling holes on the front surface of the LE Area (A).

(4) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of this AD, any crack is detected that fully extends between cooling hole Row 2 and Row 3 but does not extend through the cooling holes, either forward of cooling hole Row 2 or rearward of cooling hole Row 3, within

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35 FC after detecting the crack(s) replace the affected parts with a full set of serviceable parts in accordance with the instructions of the NMSB.

(5) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of this AD any crack other than those identified in paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD is detected, within the compliance time specified in Table 2 of this AD, as applicable to crack characteristic, remove the engine from service and, before release to service of that engine, replace the affected parts with a full set of serviceable parts in accordance with approved Rolls-Royce maintenance instructions.

Table 2 – Engine Replacement

Crack Size Length	**Compliance Time** (after detecting the crack(s))
Less than or equal to 3.0 mm (0.12 in.)	35 FC
More than 3.0 mm (0.12 in.) but less than or equal to 4.0 mm (0.16 in.)	10 FC
More than 4.0 mm (0.16 in.)	Before next flight

Follow-on inspections and corrective actions applicable to the Convex surface (Area C4) of the affected part:

(6) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1) or (2) of this AD, any crack indication, as defined in the NMSB, is found on the Convex surface (Area C4) area of one or more affected parts, having a length less than or equal to 3 mm (0.12 in), within 10 FC after the inspection detecting crack(s) and, thereafter at intervals not to exceed 10 FC, accomplish follow-on on-wing borescope inspections of the Convex surface (Area C4) of all affected parts in accordance with the instructions of Section 3.C of the NMSB.

(7) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1) or (2) or (6) of this AD, any crack indication, as defined in the NMSB, is found on the Convex surface (Area C4) having a length of more than 3 mm (0.12 in), before next flight remove the engine from service and, before release to service of that engine, replace the affected parts with a full set of serviceable parts.

(8) For engines operated in accordance with Boeing 787 Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM) Task B787-A-R72-00-00-23C-280C-A “High Pressure Turbine Blade Special Detailed Inspection (Borescope Inspection)”:
From the effective date of this AD, during any inspection accomplished in accordance with Boeing AMM Task B787-A-R72-00-00-23C-280C-A, if a follow-on inspection is required with a repeat interval of less than 50 FC (also considering any hour-based limitation), accomplish the actions as required by paragraphs (8.1) and (8.2) of this AD, as applicable.

(8.1) Concurrently with the accomplishment of the follow-on inspection, perform a detailed inspection of the Convex surface (Area C4) of all affected parts in accordance with the instructions of Section 3.C of the NMSB.

(8.2) If, during any inspection of the Convex surface (Area C4), as required by paragraph (6.1) of this AD, any discrepancy is found, as defined in the NMSB, before next flight,

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accomplish the applicable corrective actions in accordance with the instructions of Section 3.C of the NMSB.

Terminating Action:

(9) Modification of an engine in accordance with the instructions of Rolls-Royce SB TRENT 1000 72−K335 or SB TRENT 1000 72-L088 constitutes terminating action for repetitive inspections required by this AD for that engine.

Ref. Publications:

Rolls-Royce Alert NMSB TRENT 1000 72-AK316 original issue dated 09 April 2019, or Revision 1 dated 18 April 2019, or Revision 2 dated 30 April 2019, or Revision 3 dated 16 July 2019, or Revision 4 dated 10 May 2024, or Revision 5 dated 30 May 2025, or Revision 6 dated 29 July 2025, or Revision 7 dated 09 September 2026.

Rolls-Royce SB TRENT 1000 72-J550 original issue dated 21 November 2017, or Revision 1 dated 22 March 2022.

Rolls-Royce SB TRENT 1000 72-L042 original issue dated 24 January 2024.

Rolls-Royce SB TRENT 1000 72-K335 original issue dated 06 March 2025.

Rolls-Royce SB TRENT 1000 72-L088 original issue dated 17 February 2026.

Boeing Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM) Task B787-A-R72-00-00-23C-280C-A.

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

Remarks:

1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.

2. The original issue of this AD was posted on 24 September 2026 as PAD 26-114 for consultation until 22 October 2026. The Comment Response Document can be found in the EASA Safety Publications Tool, in the compressed (zipped) file attached to the record for this AD.

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