



Civil Aviation Authority
SAFETY NOTICE
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Theft of Turbofan Engine Parts before Mutilation

This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

Applicability: CFM56, IAE V2500, PW1100 and RB211 turbofan engines (including multiple parts, part numbers and serial numbers as listed in this notice). Also refer to the details in EASA Safety Notice: OC-EASA-2026002221	
Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected
Air Traffic:	Not primarily affected
Airspace:	Not primarily affected
Airworthiness:	Part-145, Part-CAMO
Flight Operations:	Not primarily affected
Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:	Not primarily affected

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The CAA has identified that a consignment of formally declared non-airworthy turbofan engine parts was rerouted late January 2026, from its destination by a third party that impersonated the contracted mutilation provider.

The shipment consisted of 12 containers of engine parts, three of which contained a total of 625 serialised parts, including engine critical or Life-Limited Parts. The containers contained a further 9,740 non-serialised parts. Neither the serialised nor non-serialised parts have been mutilated.

While law enforcement agencies are investigating the case, and considering the scale and modus operandi of the theft, EASA is of the opinion that the parts may be offered for sale on the open market. The reported stolen parts and equipment are identified in the attachments to this notification.

2 Action to be Taken

- 2.1 Owners, Operators and their contracted Part-145, Part-CAMO organisations should review their stock and equipment ensuring that any of the stolen parts and equipment as listed in the attachments are to be considered unapproved and not eligible for installation on an aircraft.

Owners, operators and maintenance organisations are encouraged to inspect their aircraft and inventories for the referenced part numbers and corresponding serial numbers.

Be attentive for suppliers offering these parts, and during the incoming inspection of such parts on the physical condition and accompanied documentation.

If any of the serialised parts and equipment are found on board aircraft, or stored in inventory, it is recommended to remove and quarantine to prevent installation. It is also recommended to inform the Competent Authority accordingly.

A link to the corresponding EASA Safety Notice (which includes the affected parts lists) & examples of incompatible STCs (as of January 2026) is provided in [Appendix A](#).

3 Queries

- 3.1 Any queries arising from this Safety Notice should be directed to airworthiness@caa.co.uk, or to your assigned CAA Airworthiness Surveyor where applicable.

4 Cancellation

- 4.1 This Safety Notice will remain in force until withdrawn.

Appendix A [Theft of Turbofan Engine Parts before Mutilation | EASA](#)

Identified Issues

Any issues identified should be reported through the usual Suspect Unapproved Parts (SUP) reporting and the affected component part permanently mutilated or destroyed as per [GM1 145.A.42\(c\)\(i\) Components](#)

Additional Considerations

None.