

Toilet Malfunction Causes Japanese Plane to Make Emergency Landing

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A Boeing-787 Dreamliner passenger jet operated by Japanese carrier JAL was forced to abort its flight to Tokyo Wednesday evening and return to Domodedovo Airport two hours after departure due to malfunctioning toilets.

None of the 114 passengers and 10 crew members on board the plane were injured as a result of the incident, BBC Russia said.

The electronic system that controls the lavatories' flushing mechanism started experiencing technical difficulties after take-off and the JAL crew was unable to properly heat up meals, JAL said.

The company is investigating the incident.

Dreamliner is the latest passenger jet developed by Boeing for commercial use. The aircraft

can transport up to 300 passengers for a distance of 16,000 kilometers.

Out of the 50 Dreamliners currently in operation worldwide, 24 are owned by the Japanese carriers ANA and JAL.

The Dreamliner has experienced several minor incidents in recent months, caused primarily by various malfunctions of the electronic equipment on board.

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