

REX to continue flights despite plane losing propeller in mid-air between Albury and Sydney

Regional Express Airlines (REX) has confirmed their fleet will continue operating as normal despite one of their planes losing a propeller on a flight between Albury and Sydney on Friday.

The plane was travelling at around 6,000 feet over the Camden area south-west of Sydney when the propeller sheared off.

The pilot landed the plane, which was carrying 16 passengers and three crew, safely at Sydney Airport.

The Transport Safety Bureau immediately launched an investigation into the incident to see if there was a potential defect in all SAAB 340 aircraft or just that one in particular.

REX said it was not grounding any of its 50 SAAB 340 aircraft as precaution, and that the fleet would continue operating as normal.



Photo: The flight from Albury to Sydney landed safely. (Facebook: Airline Secrets)

Air traffic control audio logs reveal that after realising the plane had lost a propeller, pilots made a PAN call — which signifies urgency but is not a mayday.

"The prop has just fallen off the aircraft and standby for further instructions," the flight deck coolly reports to air traffic controllers.

"REX768 we've just had uncommanded engine operations and our propeller has just sheared off," a man on the flight deck told controllers.

"We've got normal controls, still be able to fly would require 1-6 right and we should be able to conduct a precautionary landing.

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