

'Computer issue' grounds Southwest Airlines in US: regulator

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Southwest Airlines cited a computer problem as the reason for a temporary grounding of US flights.

US carrier Southwest Airlines grounded its flights on Tuesday due to a problem with its reservation system, the Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA) said.

"The FAA issued a temporary nationwide ground stop at the request of Southwest Airlines while the company resolved a reservation computer issue," the regulator said on Twitter.

The problem is the second in a 24-hour stretch for the domestic-focused carrier, which delayed more than 1,400 flights across the United States on Monday due to problem with a third-party weather data provider.

At 1950 GMT, Southwest said on Twitter it was ramping back up after the outage.

"Southwest is in the process of resuming normal operations after a brief pause in our flight activity resulting from intermittent performance issues with our network connectivity Tuesday afternoon," a company spokesman said in an email to AFP.

"Our teams are working quickly to minimize flight disruptions and customer impact."

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