

Delta plane loses nose wheel as it prepared for takeoff from Atlanta

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A Delta Airlines Boeing 757 taking off in Tampa, Fla. on Jan. 20, 2011. A Boeing 757 jet operated by Delta Air Lines lost a nose wheel while preparing for takeoff from Atlanta over the weekend, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, which is investigating the incident. Credit: AP Photo/Chris O'Meara, File

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Delta Flight 982—headed to Bogota, Colombia—was taxiing for departure at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport when the incident took place around 11:15 a.m. Saturday, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, which is investigating the incident.

The plane is 32 years old and is not the same model as the 737 Max that has raised safety concerns in recent years.

"All customers and their bags were removed from the aircraft, transferred to the gate and onto a replacement aircraft," Delta said. "We apologize to our customers for the inconvenience."

No one was injured, a Delta spokesperson told The Associated Press—adding that the plane was re-tired and placed back into service the next day.

According to the the Atlanta-based airline, 172 passengers, two pilots and four flight attendants were on board the flight.

When contacted by The AP Wednesday, Boeing did not comment further. The Arlington, Virginia, aircraft maker ended production of the 757 nearly 20 years ago.

There have been [a string of mishaps](#) involving Boeing planes over recent years but it is unclear who is to blame for the most recent incident. Delta is responsible for maintaining its planes.

Earlier this month, a door plug blew off an Alaska Boeing 737 Max 9 jetliner 16,000 feet (4,900 meters) above Oregon, leaving a gaping hole in the side of the plane. Since then, Alaska Airlines and United reported finding [loose bolts and other problems](#) in the panel doors of an unspecified number of other Max 9s.

Boeing CEO Dave Calhoun was in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday to meet with lawmakers about the safety of the Max 9.

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