

# Embraer issues E190 service alert

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Embraer has issued an Alert Service Bulletin to E190 operators recommending the inspection of two engine pylons' shear pins on the aircraft.

The aircraft manufacturer described the service bulletin as a "preventive measure". Last week Virgin Australia grounded its fleet of nine Embraer E190s after discovering bolts that hold the plane's engine in place were loose, which in turn prompted the worldwide alert from Embraer.

According to Australian newspaper, the Herald Sun, the fault was discovered during heavy maintenance carried out last Wednesday night.

Last week the Associated Press newswire stated that maintenance crews had found loose bolts "to various degrees" on 12 of the 20 E190s flown by US Airways Express, part of American Airlines Group Inc. A spokesperson stated the bolts were tightened and the planes returned to flying the same day.

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