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Nationwide Boeing 737 Engine separation during takeoff



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On Nov.7, 2007, Nationwide Airlines Flight CE723, a Boeing 737-200 departed from Cape Town (CPT) to Johannesburg on schedule at 15:50. At take-off it was reported that the right hand engine separated from the wing. The aircraft was continuing to climb as debris fell to the ground.

The crew was instructed to turn back and make an emergency landing. Airport fire and rescue services rushed to the runway to clear the wreckage before the plane came down.

While the plane was making a wide turn and dumping fuel, cabin crew took passengers through the emergency procedures, getting them to take off their shoes and practice bending down. With passengers braced for a crash landing, the aircraft returned and landed at Cape Town International Airport without further incident. No passengers or crew were injured.

Passengers were taken to a holding area where Nationwide representatives and trauma counselors were on hand for help.

South African aviation authorities have grounded all Boeing 737-200 aircraft in the country for safety checks.

The order affects all Boeing 737s fitted with Pratt and Whitney JT8D engines. It is aimed at preventing the possibility of a similar accident happening and is not an indication of the cause of the accident, the authorities said.