

Subject: Chinese Engine Repair

The pilot of an unidentified Chinese carrier landed in EDDF/FRA (Frankfurt, Germany) for an unscheduled fuelling stop. The reason for it soon became apparent to the efficient German ground crew awaiting its arrival.

The fan on the number 3 engine didn't look so good.



This had apparently been no problem for the tough guys back in China. They simply took some sturdy straps and wrapped them around both the fan blades and the structures behind, thus stopping any unwanted wind-milling and associated uncomfortable vibration caused by the sub optimal fan.



Note the straps are M 0.86 seatbelts!!! How resourceful?

Off they went into the wild blue yonder with another revenue-making flight **on only three engines!!!**

When they got a bit low on fuel, they simply set it down at the nearest airport for a quick refill. That's when problems started.



You see, those pesky Germans are kind of picky about this sort of stuff, so they grounded the aircraft. The airline operator had to send a chunk of money to get the first engine replaced (which took about 10 days) giving the repair contractor time to do some impromptu inspection work on the other engines. None of which looked all that great either.

The result?

A total of 3 engines were changed on this aeroplane before it was permitted to fly again.



NO GUTS? NO GLORY!