

Date: Sunday 23 April 2023
Time: c. 11:00



Type: [Saab 340A \(F\)](#)
Owner/operator: Pel-Air Aviation Pty Ltd
Registration: VH-KDK
MSN: 340A-016
Fatalities: Fatalities: 0 / Occupants: 2
Aircraft damage: Minor
Category: Serious incident
Location: between Wagga Wagga and Cobar, NSW -  [Australia](#)
Phase: En route
Nature: Cargo
Departure airport: Wagga Wagga-Forrest Hill Airport, NSW (WGA/YSWG)
Destination airport: Cobar Airport, NSW (CAZ/YCBA)
Investigating agency: ATSB
Confidence Rating: Information verified through data from accident investigation authorities

Narrative:

Pel-Air flight RXA9982, a Saab 340A (F), sustained minor damage as a result of an inflight fire in the cargo hold.

During cruise, the crew received multiple warnings, including cargo smoke, avionics smoke and cabin pressure. The crew subsequently detected thick smoke in the cockpit, donned oxygen, conducted an emergency descent and diverted the aircraft to Cobar.

The post-flight inspection revealed fire damage in the vicinity of the right air cycle machine and cargo bay floor.