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Birdstrike F-16 RNLAF Mazer-e-Sharif 23 Oct 2012, 16h30 local



Sources:

RNLAF Air Task Force (ATF21)

Deutsche Bundeswehr

RNLAF airbase Volkel – Technical department

MoD NLD – Maintenance Centre Woensdrecht

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J-866 in take-off, 50 ft AGL, 269 kts



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flock of small birds in flight path



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HUD-view



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Engine hesitated momentarily,
bail out avoided, returned to MeS



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number of birds



~ 99 birds before the collision



~ 82 (pieces of) birds after the collision

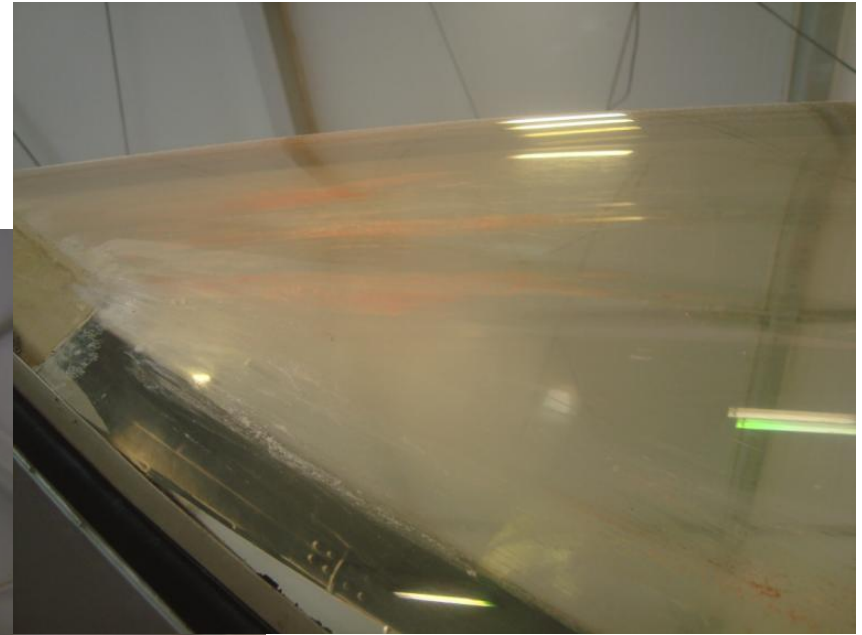


40 dead birds on the runway

10 blood spots on nose / canopy



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**estimated nr. of 20 birds
ingested into air intake**



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All 40 birds on the runway were House sparrows.
1 House sparrow \approx 30 gram \approx 1 ounce



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20 House sparrows in air intake * 1 ounce = 20 ounces

Bird strike specification PW F-220E engine:

The engine shall be designed to ingest 16 birds, each weighing 2 to 4 ounces, simultaneously with the engine running at maximum power, without blockage or catastrophic failure although some damage to engine parts may occur.

“damage may occur...”:



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Costs: man hours: 451



MeS: 155 man hours

- clean and check J-866
- clean, check and test E-7494
- first repairment E-7494
- remove E-7494
- change ATP
- preserve oil system
- repair for transport

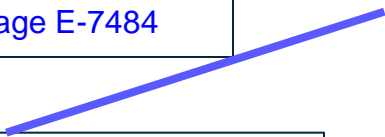
- Prepare spare engine E-7479
- Place and test E-7479 in J-866
- Prepare for storage E-7484

transport E-7494: 14



transport E-7484: 14

transport E-7484: 3



RNLAF VKL: 18 man hours

- remove E-7484 from J-003
- preserve oil system
- repair for transport

- place and test E-7480 (spare) in J-003

NLD – logistic center: 5

- handling

transport E-7494: 3



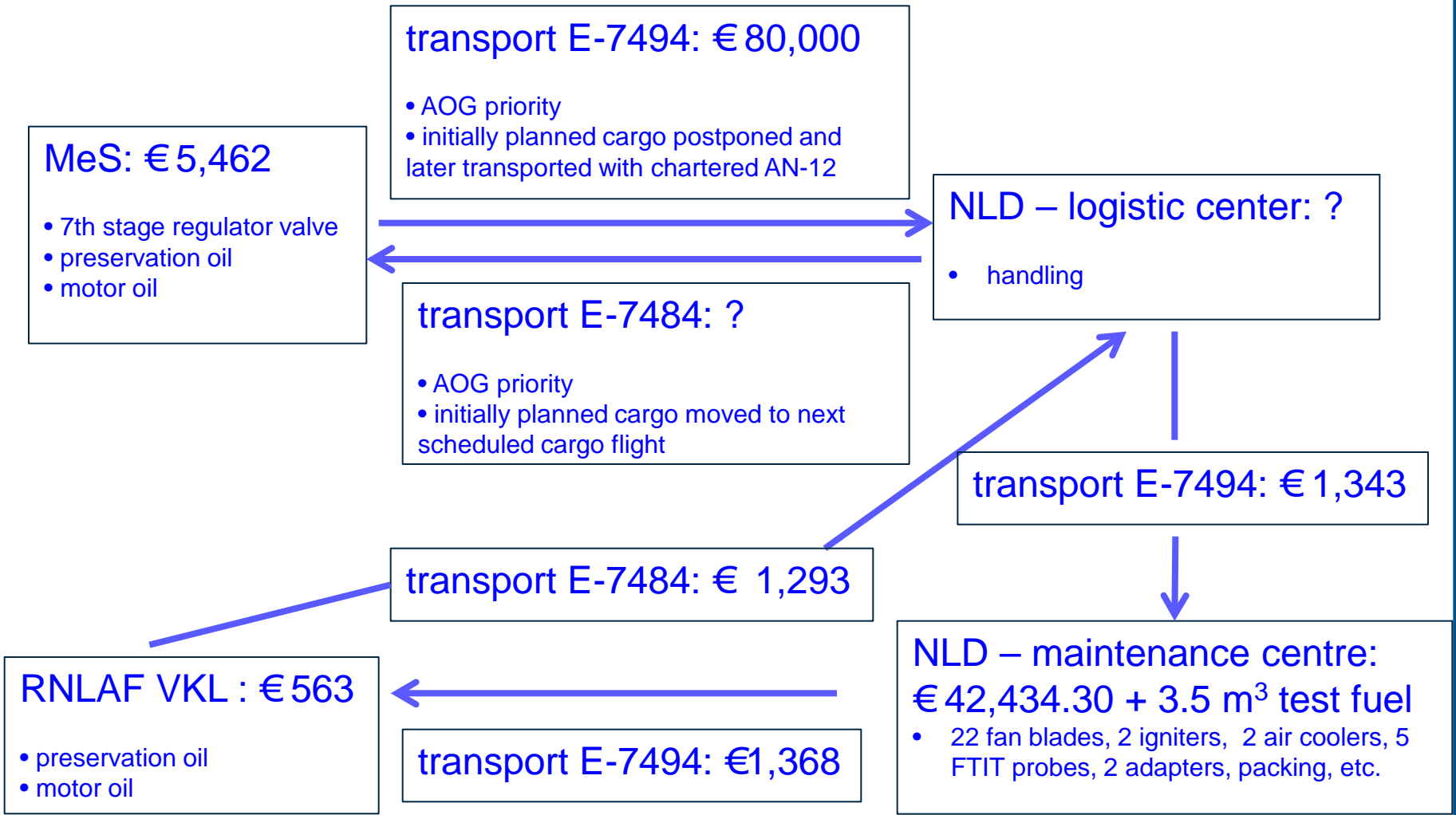
NLD – maintenance center: 236

- check, repair, test,



transport E-7494: 3

Costs: €132,463 + ?



Downtime



J-003:	1 day
E-7484:	7 days
J-866:	14 days
E-7494:	84 days