

SAFETY BULLETIN

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Subject	Aerobridge Operations		
Area of Concern	Darwin International Airport Aerobridge 1, 2 and 5		
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This Safety Bulletin is issued to highlight the safe operation of Aerobridges - number 1, 2 and 5 at Darwin International Airport (DIA).

Background

On Saturday 3 May 2025, a staff member at another airport reportedly fell from an aerobridge (AB) while undertaking duties. Unconfirmed reports indicate the individual may have leaned on the internal wall of the AB and subsequently fell approximately 4.5 to 5 metres.

Darwin International Airport (DIA) has three similar aerobridges in operation — AB 1, AB 2, and AB 5 — though they are of a different brand than the unit involved in the incident.

Immediate Actions

Whilst information from the incident is limited, several immediate actions have been taken to address the risk and likelihood of a similar incident occurring at DIA.

1. A physical check of the AB cable which provides a stable point to point fixture when driven to final position has been checked.
2. The AB walls have been stress tested.
3. Signage in place on the closest solid area.
4. Maintenance schedule is under review
5. Additional information sought from manufacturer

AB's must be operated in accordance with operating instructions.

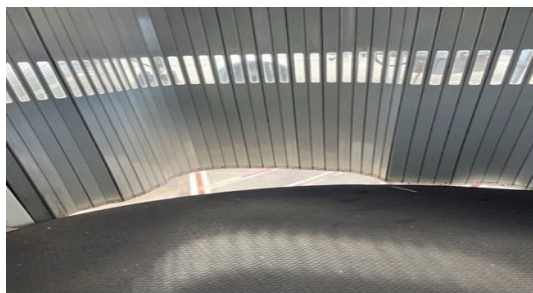
- **Under no circumstances are persons to lean on the area as per the image.**
- **Warning signage placed on the closest solid structure to the roller door**



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- Indicative photo of the location of the 'At Risk Area' on AB.



- A physical inspection of the steel cable that holds the roller door in its position at the bottom has been checked. The cable is tightly anchored at both ends.



- Cable Inspected and tested.



- AB roller doors stress tested.

