

Alaska Airlines reports wing-flap problems

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SEATTLE - Two Alaska Airlines flights reported wing-flap problems this week at Seattle's Sea-Tac Airport, totaling six wing flap problems for the company this year. Less than an hour after Alaska Airlines Flight 597 from Los Angeles told air traffic controllers Monday at Sea-Tac the plane was experiencing an "unknown flap problem," Flight 19 from Orlando reported a "trailing edge flap problem," the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported. Flight 19 from Orlando declared a precautionary emergency landing, the newspaper said, but no injuries or damage were reported for either incident. The Federal Aviation Administration reportedly absolved the airline of responsibility for four 737-400 January wing-flap problems which caused precautionary emergency landings. Alaska Airlines and the FAA do not characterize wing-flap failures as a safety threat and the airline is working with The Boeing Co. to find what caused the 737-400 problems, the report said.

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