

Key bolts missing from Alaska Airlines plane

A door that blew off an Alaska Airlines Boeing 737 MAX 9 jet shortly after take-off may not have been properly secured, according to accident investigators

BOEING 737 MAX 9

Jan 5: Alaska Airlines flight 1282, carrying 171 passengers and six crew, loses door panel in mid-air blowout



MID-EXIT DOOR PLUG

Panel seals door opening that is not used by most airlines

Made by **Spirit AeroSystems**

Size: 0.66m by 1.17m

Weight: 27kg

Door frame: Plug secured to frame with bolts, stop pads and straps

Stop pads and fittings

Six pairs on each side of frame and door plug

Bolts: Investigators say evidence from fuselage and recovered door indicates that four bolts "were missing". This would allow panel to slide upward and detach from stop pads

