



IRON MAIDEN PLANE SUFFERS SEVERE DAMAGE IN CHILE

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Veteran metal band Iron Maiden will have to find alternate transportation for the South American leg of their tour after their official plane sustained major engine damage Saturday during a fuel stop in Santiago, Chile.

Thankfully, there was no fire or fuel spilled and the band, its support crew and equipment were not on board at the time.

On the band's website, they explained that their aircraft, nicknamed Ed Force One, damaged while on the ground and being towed in from the runway.

"Ed Force One was tethered to a tow truck to be taken for refuelling prior to flying over the Andes to Cordoba for the next show. On moving the steering pin that is part of the mechanism that connects the ground tug to the aircraft seemingly fell out. On making a turn the aircraft had no steering and collided with the ground tug badly damaging the undercarriage, two of the aircrafts engines and injuring two ground tug operators, both of whom have been taken to hospital. We hope, of course, that they make a full and speedy recovery and we will be closely monitoring their progress. The flight engineers are on site and evaluating the damage, but their initial report is that the engines have suffered large damage and will require an extended period of maintenance and possibly two new engines."

They added that they were making alternate transportation plans so that they could make scheduled tour stops in Cordoba and Buenos Aires.

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