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Date: Friday 17 September 2021  
Time: 12:16 UTC



Type: [Airbus A320-232 \(WL\)](#)  
Owner/operator: Viva Aerobus  
Registration: XA-VAP  
MSN: 6888  
Year of manufacture: 2015  
Engine model: IAE V2527-A5  
Fatalities: Fatalities: 0 / Occupants: 172  
Other fatalities: 0  
Aircraft damage: Unknown  
Category: Serious incident  
Location: near León/Guanajuato-Del Bajío Airport (BJX/MMLO) -  [Mexico](#)  
Phase: Initial climb  
Nature: Passenger - Scheduled  
Departure airport: León/Guanajuato-Del Bajío Airport (BJX/MMLO)  
Destination airport: Tijuana-Rodríguez Airport (TIJ/MMTJ)  
Confidence Rating:  Information verified through data from accident investigation authorities

## Narrative:

VivaAerobus flight VB5029, an Airbus A320-232, returned to land at León/Guanajuato-Del Bajío Airport after suffering a fire in the turbine section of engine no.2 shortly after takeoff.

A video of the incident shows sparks being emitted from the engine exhaust.


## Sources:

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History of this aircraft

### Other occurrences involving this aircraft

[31 March 2023](#) XA-VAP Viva Aerobus 0 Guadalajara International Airport (GDL)  min

Collision with Ground support equipment

Media:

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[#IMPORTANTE](#) El día de hoy, cerca de las 07:10AM hora local, el vuelo VIV5029 de [#VivaAerobus](#) cubriendo la ruta entre Silao (BJX) y Tijuana (TIJ) con un equipo Airbus A320 experimentó fuga en el motor derecho momentos después del despegue.

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Viva Aerobus Airbus A320 (XA-VAP) experienced engine problems and flames soon after take-off from Bajío Airport (MMLO), Mexico poss due to birdstrike. Flight [#VB5029](#) to Tijuana safely returned to land 25 min

later. <https://t.co/9LzohcjWeb>

— JACDEC (@JacdecNew) [September 17, 2021](#)

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