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Title: Safety Precautions for Engine Air Start Procedure

Scope:

Voyager / AirTanker A330 Operations

Background:

A recent incident highlighted potential hazards associated with aircraft engine start using Air Start Units (ASU). The availability and individual characteristics of equipment across locations differs, which may not be understood by flight crews requesting the service.



**Warning**

Live aircraft engines pose a grave risk to life. Ground personnel and/or loose equipment shall stay clear of intake and blast areas.

See [AirTanker Ground Handling Manual](#) 3.1.2.1 Engine Danger Areas for more detail (see below extract).

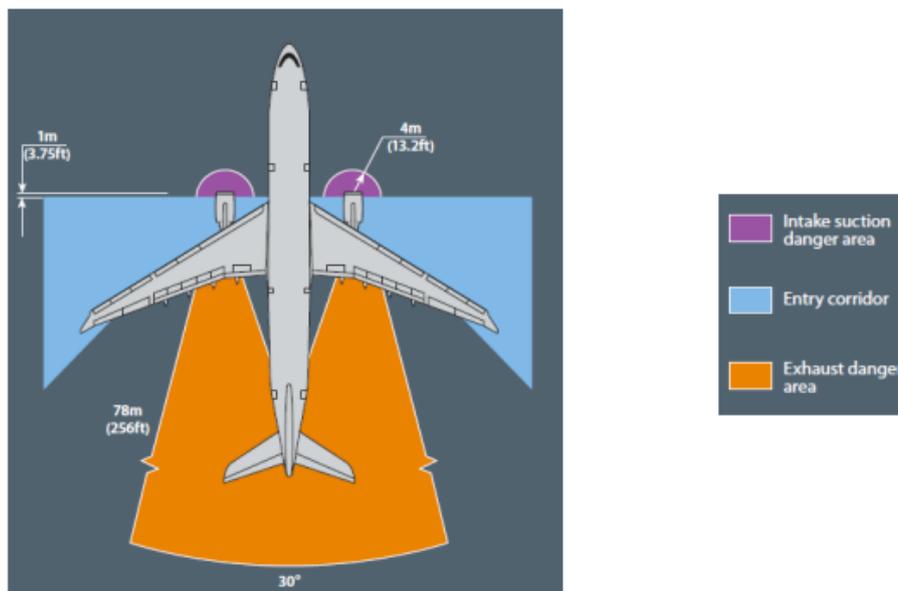


Figure 2 Idle Engine Danger Areas

Direction:

Any departure that relies upon use of an ASU for engine start **must** be preceded by a brief between ground and flight crew before doors closed. Ground crews should make clear any constraints at their location to flight crew. For ground crews, a [Threat and Error Management](#) briefing or equivalent should be held before the activity takes place.

This notice will remain in place until the next issue of AS.4001 Ground Handling Manual