

# SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

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## Damage Due to GPU Pull Away Regional Aircraft

A CRJ-200 was damaged recently when the GPU was pulled away without being disconnected from the aircraft. Let's review the proper steps for shutting down ground equipment and avoiding a 3-way connection:

- Shut down the ground equipment.
- Remove the cord/hose from the aircraft and close the panel door. **(Double tap the door to ensure it is fully closed and secure.)**
- Stow the cord/hose on the unit and ensure it is secured.
- Complete the 360° walk around of the unit. It is the responsibility of the tug driver to complete a 360° walk around to ensure that all cables and hoses from any ground equipment are disconnected from the aircraft before connecting the ground equipment to the tug and driving away from the aircraft. This will allow the tug operator to clearly see that a three-way connection between the tug, the aircraft, and the ground equipment does not exist.
- Connect the ground equipment to the tug.

Following these steps avoids a 3-way connection and it is now safe to drive away.



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