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## Jet called back to Dulles after takeoff

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A jetliner bound for Belgium returned safely to Dulles International Airport after blowing a tire on takeoff Saturday evening, authorities said. Damaged runway pavement might have contributed to the blowout, an airport spokesman said.

Debris was found on a runway at Dulles after United Airlines Flight 950 took off for Brussels about 6 p.m., airport spokesman Rob Yingling said. He said the discovery was reported to the airline, which made the decision to bring the flight back.

The Boeing twin-jet 767, with 176 passengers and a crew of 11, returned about 8:30 p.m., said United spokeswoman Megan McCarthy.

It apparently burned off or jettisoned some of the fuel intended for the nearly eight-hour transatlantic flight.

Yingling said an inspection after landing showed damage to a tire on the right side of the airplane.

Yingling said the pavement damage was spotted after the discovery of what appeared to be tire debris. He said there was a "strong possibility" that the blowout and runway damage "could be related."

Yingling said temporary patching closed the runway involved for less than an hour.