

# ScrAapping a 767

Over five weeks during October and November 2008, Las Vegas-based Aircraft Recycling Corporation (ARC) dismantled and scrapped an American Airlines Boeing 767-200 (ER) at Los Angeles (LAX).

On June 2, 2006, the aircraft (N330AA, MSN 22330/Line N° 166), was undergoing a ground run of the N° 1 (left) General Electric CF6-80A2 to maximum power when the HPT (high pressure turbine) stage 1 ruptured. Debris punctured the fuselage, and the engine caught fire, causing additional damage to the airframe. Fortunately, the three maintenance personnel onboard escaped without injury.

Declared a write-off by the insurance company, the 767 was sold under a sealed bid offer to the Magellan Group. Some parts went to American for spares for the remainder of its fleet before the job of reducing the hulk to scrap was undertaken. ➔



*The cockpit was stripped of avionics and parts by ARC and most of the items will find their way into the American fleet.*

*Apart from numerous 'souvenir parts', only this cockpit section was saved for a museum.*



*Left to right: Doug Scroggins, managing director/director of operations of ARC; Guy Hill, AA crew chief; Paul Bernard, ARC mechanic; and Ramon Ortiz, ARC demolition supervisor.*



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