# Power outage near Paris causes widespread Eurostar cancellations amid summer peak



Eurostar passengers travelling to and from Paris faced significant disruption and cancellations due to a power outage on France’s rail network on August 4, 2025. The outage occurred near Moussy, about 50 kilometres north of Paris, and led to a temporary shutdown of a critical section of the railway. SNCF, the French national railway company, reported the incident began around 8 am local time and required major repairs, resulting in delays and cancellations that were expected to last until late evening.

The power failure affected one of Europe's busiest international rail corridors, deeply impacting Eurostar routes connecting London with Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam during the peak summer travel season. Eurostar’s timetable showed six trains from London to Paris delayed by up to two hours, with five cancellations, while inbound services from Paris to London similarly suffered delays and cancellations. Overall, at least 16 to 17 Eurostar services were reported cancelled across affected routes. However, routes such as London to Amsterdam, London to Brussels, and Brussels to Amsterdam experienced fewer or no disruptions, according to official updates.

Passengers were strongly advised to postpone non-essential travel amid the chaos, with Eurostar offering free ticket exchanges or full refunds. A company spokesperson expressed regret over the disruption and emphasised that teams were working closely with French authorities and infrastructure experts to manage the situation and restore services safely.

This outage comes amid a challenging period for Eurostar, which recently encountered other operational issues. In June 2025, more than 800 passengers aboard a Brussels-to-London service endured a nine-hour delay near Calais after a total power failure immobilised the train without air conditioning, lighting, or sanitation facilities. The incident sparked frustration over communication and safety concerns and occurred shortly after cable thefts on the high-speed line near Lille had already caused cancellations affecting over 5,000 travellers.

These recurring problems with the French rail infrastructure highlight vulnerabilities in the network that continue to disrupt one of Europe's key cross-border services. Speaking to the media, travel experts emphasise the importance of improved maintenance and contingency plans, especially during the height of travel demand in summer months. Eurostar’s customers have voiced their frustration on social media, describing onboard conditions during delays as uncomfortable, including lack of working toilets and poor ventilation.

SNCF and Eurostar are under pressure to ensure resilience of the rail system following this latest incident and previous safety-related disruptions. The company reiterated its commitment to resolving the power issues swiftly and minimising inconvenience to passengers.

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