A/C Type : Flight Phase : Classification : Events :

A330

Cruise

Occurrences Smoke / Fumes (not

engine)
A/c Equipment / System Failure

Occurrence Number :

Occurrence Date : Location : Location Info :

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17 Sep 2005 En Route

Lightning Strike

Pretitle:

Temporary loss of flight indications and strong electrical burning smell.

Precis:
Approximately 1 hour into flight, various ECAM warnings activated, the Captain's airspeed failed on the PFD, with a hard red line, and the Co-Pilot's speed indications oscillated although indications remained visible. Both altimeters indicated errors of 300ft and Autopilot 2 failed followed by thrust lock. The PF took control and automatics were reinstated. A number of passengers' TV screens failed and could not be reset. Suspected areas were inspected with no evidence of fire or burning. The reporter notes, however, that the aircraft was transiting a widespread area of thunderstorm activity with St Elmo's fire being evident and quite active.