

Weekly Aviation Headline News



Boeing 737 factory in Renton, Washington

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FAA approves increase in Boeing 737 production to 47 units per month

Production of the 787 to also increase to eight units per month, and then to ten units per month later in the year

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has lifted its restriction on production numbers of the Boeing 737 at 42 units per month, allowing the planemaker to now produce 47 units. Having opened a fourth production line at Everett, Washington, Boeing is hoping to see the number further increased to 52 units per month early next year. “We’re off and rolling at the 47 rate, and we should be there in the next couple months,” Kelly Ortberg, Boeing CEO said at the Bernstein Annual Strategic Decisions Conference, adding that “I think the whole world’s watching to make sure we make (rate) 47 and 52.” It was back in January 2024 when Alaska Airlines Flight 1282, a Boeing 737, suffered a mid-air panel blow-out, the broader-reaching consequences seeing significant production quality problems revealed and the FAA forced to take drastic measures, capping output at 38 units. This cap was not lifted until October 2025. When combined with the fallout from the fatal 737 MAX crashes in 2018 and 2019, between 2019 and 2024 Boeing lost approximately US\$35

billion, though in 2025 it managed to make a profit of US\$2.2 billion, primarily thanks to the sale of its subsidiary Jepperson, a digital aviation services provider, for US\$10.6 billion based on the company’s financial filings. According to Reuters news agency, Ortberg said Boeing has largely completed certification flight tests for the MAX 7 and 10, the narrow-body jet’s smallest and largest variants. Certifying the two models and Boeing’s new wide-body 777-9 has taken several years longer than expected and been a significant drag on Boeing’s earnings. He said he is “pretty confident that we’re not going to see any hiccups in the remaining phase of flight testing” for certifying the new 737 MAX engine anti-ice system. “The one area I guess I’d highlight where I haven’t met my goals was getting the certifications complete on the new commercial airplanes sooner”, he said. Production of Boeing’s twin-aisle 787 is back at eight a month after dipping earlier this year due to delays with engines from GE Aerospace. Certification problems with new premium seats

have slowed deliveries of completed 787s, too. Boeing still hopes to raise output to 10 per month later this year, as long as engine deliveries can keep up, Ortberg said. The planemaker has not had customers ask to delay jetliner deliveries due to the Iran War and higher fuel prices. Instead, many customers have said they will take deliveries earlier, if possible, Ortberg added. It should also be remembered that China committed to a future order of 200 Boeing jets earlier this month, during President Donald Trump’s summit with Chinese leader Xi Jinping. It was Boeing’s first large commitment from China in nearly a decade. Investors, though, had expected a larger order, and Boeing’s share price traded down after the announcement. “I think people focus a little bit too much on the initial quantity,” Ortberg said on Wednesday. China needs hundreds of new aircraft a year to support its economic growth, and this initial commitment should be followed by many more orders, he said.



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Saudia takes delivery of first A321XLR



Saudia's first Airbus A321XLR

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airline's first Airbus A300 delivery in 1984. Airbus aircraft continue to play a central role in Saudia's fleet and network growth strategy. Saudia currently serves more than 100 destinations across four continents, with the A321XLR enabling the airline to expand into additional long-haul markets using a single-aisle aircraft. With a range of up to 4,700 nautical miles, the aircraft allows routes traditionally operated by larger wide-body aircraft to be served more efficiently while maintaining a premium passenger experience.

Saudia has taken delivery of its first Airbus A321XLR, becoming the first airline in the Middle East and Africa to operate Airbus' new extra-long-range single-aisle aircraft. Powered by CFM International LEAP-1A engines, the aircraft is the first of 15 A321XLRs ordered by the Saudi Arabian flag carrier as part of its wider fleet modernisation programme aligned with Saudi Vision 2030. The new aircraft will support the expansion of Saudia's international network and the Kingdom's ambition to attract more than 150 million visitors annually by the end of the decade. The delivery also marks another milestone in the long-standing partnership between Airbus and Saudia, which began with the

Cathay Group places order for two additional A350F freighters

Hong Kong's Cathay Group has confirmed an order with Airbus for two more A350F freighters, increasing its total order for the next-generation cargo aircraft to eight. The aircraft will be operated by Cathay Cargo and are expected to improve operational efficiency across the carrier's extensive freight network. Cathay Group Chief Executive Ronald Lam acknowledged that the additional A350F freighters would strengthen the airline's fleet, enhance connectivity at its Hong Kong hub and provide customers with greater flexibility and choice. He commented: "This strategic, future-ready investment reflects our resolute confidence in our long-term growth prospects and supports Cathay Cargo's goal of being the world's best air cargo carrier," said Ronald Lam, Chief Executive of the Cathay Group." "Cathay's continued endorsement of the A350F is another powerful signal that the A350F brings a new generation of freighter capacity and efficiency. The A350F will fit seamlessly into the air-



Cathay Group orders two additional A350F freighters

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line's existing Airbus fleet with unrivalled operational and technical commonality, while accelerating the airline's decarbonisation journey." added Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, Airbus EVP Sales of the Commercial Aircraft business. The latest agreement builds on Cathay Group's original commitment to the Airbus A350F programme, announced in December 2023, when the airline ordered six of the freighters. The move underlined Cathay Cargo's long-term strategy to modernise its fleet with more fuel-efficient and lower-emission aircraft capable of supporting growing global cargo demand. Designed to meet evolving environmental and operational requirements, the A350F is expected to play a key role in strengthening Hong Kong's position as a major international air freight hub. The aircraft will also provide increased range and payload capability, enabling Cathay Cargo to further expand and optimise its long-haul freight operations.

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Air China Cargo doubles down on A350F fleet

Air China Cargo has signed a purchase agreement with Airbus for four additional A350F freighters, increasing its total order for the type to ten aircraft. The carrier previously placed an order for six A350F freighters in November 2025. "This additional order, following our initial A350F commitment last year, represents a key strategic step in further optimising our fleet structure and expanding transport capacity. It will enable us to better meet the demands of the international air cargo market and provide a solid foundation for the company's long-term, stable development," said Wang Hongyan, Vice President of Air China Cargo. Air China Cargo began introducing Airbus freighters at the end of 2023 and currently operates a fleet of eight Airbus A330-200P2F aircraft. The A350F will soon join the airline's fleet, complementing the A330-200P2F on medium-to-long-haul and long-haul operations. Powered by the latest Rolls-Royce Trent XWB-97 engines, the A350F




Rendering of Air China Cargo A350F aircraft

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delivers up to 20% lower fuel consumption and carbon emissions compared with previous-generation aircraft in the same payload-range category. It is also the only freighter fully compliant with ICAO's 2027 CO₂ emissions standards. The aircraft will be capable of operating with up to 50% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) upon entry into service, with Airbus aiming for 100% SAF capability across all aircraft programmes by 2030.

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Platoon Aviation bets big on Citation Longitude



Platoon Aviation's fleet will expand charter operations to become Europe's largest Cessna Citation Longitude fleet © Textron Aviation

Textron Aviation has signed a multi-aircraft agreement with Hamburg-based Platoon Aviation that will make the charter operator the largest Cessna Citation Longitude fleet owner in Europe. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2027. The Citation Longitude, Textron's flagship business jet, is designed for long-range charter operations with a focus on efficiency, passenger comfort and operational reliability. The aircraft can connect major European business hubs nonstop, including routes such as Hamburg to Madrid and London to Athens. Featuring seating for up to 12 passengers, a flat-floor stand-up cabin and what Textron describes as the quietest cabin in the super-midsize segment, the Longitude is aimed at both business and leisure travellers seeking premium private aviation services. "Platoon Aviation is redefining what business aviation can look like in the next decade," said

Deniz Weißenborn, CEO, Platoon Aviation. "The Citation Longitude fleet expansion reflects our commitment to building a future-proof, next-generation aviation platform that combines operational efficiency, sustainability and uncompromising comfort. The aircraft position us to meet the evolving expectations of modern travellers while giving our clients greater flexibility, reliability and connectivity across Europe and beyond."

Czech Police Aviation Service to modernise fleet with Airbus H145s

The Czech Ministry of Interior has signed a contract with Airbus Helicopters for 11 five-bladed H145 helicopters to modernise the Czech Police Aviation Service fleet. The multi-role aircraft will support law enforcement, search and rescue, and emergency medical operations, backed by a full training and logistics package to ensure smooth integration. Airbus said the move represents a natural progression from the Czech police's existing H135 fleet, offering strong operational commonality for pilots and maintenance crews while enhancing readiness from day one. The new H145s will deliver greater range, increased lifting capacity and simplified maintenance through advanced digital systems. Thomas Hein, Head of Europe Region at Airbus Helicopters, highlighted the H145's versatility and noted that the platform is already widely used by law enforcement agencies across Europe, including police forces in Germany, the French Gendarmerie and the Lithuanian Border Guards. The agreement also underlines Airbus' long-standing relationship with the Czech Republic, where the company has operated for 25 years and sources more than €200 million (US\$234 million) in goods annually from local suppliers.



Digital rendering of Czech Police Aviation Service's Airbus H145 helicopter © Airbus Helicopters

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GE Aerospace deploys 360 Foam Wash cleaning system to MRO shops



360 Foam Wash jet engine cleaning technology is being deployed to MRO shops globally © GE Aerospace

GE Aerospace has announced the global rollout of its 360 Foam Wash jet engine cleaning technology across maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities. The foam wash system is designed as an alternative to traditional water wash methods, using a specially formulated proprietary cleaning solution to remove dust and dirt from engines. The process helps lower exhaust temperatures, improve compressor efficiency and restore engine performance. Engines entering GE Aerospace or partner overhaul shops are now cleaned using foam wash before inspection, enabling clearer inspection imagery, reducing rework and supporting faster turnaround times for customers. GE Aerospace said the expansion of the technology across its overhaul network forms part of wider efforts to improve engine durability and fleet availability. The foam wash system has been approved for use on several GE Aerospace engine programmes, including variants of the GE90, GENx and CF34. It has already been fully adopted for all GENx engines operated in the Middle East. When used for on-wing maintenance, the cleaning system can also improve fuel efficiency and extend time on wing. Since testing began in 2017, more than 6,500 foam washes have been completed on in-service engines worldwide. Most have been carried out by airline customers that have integrated the process into their maintenance programmes. More than ten airlines have so far received technical licences to use the technology on GE90, GENx and CF34 engines.

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MTU Maintenance secures EVA Air CFM56-5B contract



CFM56-5B engine maintenance in Zhuhai

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MTU Maintenance and Taiwan-based EVA Air have signed an exclusive agreement covering maintenance, repair and overhaul services for the airline's CFM56-5B engines, which power its fleet of 17 Airbus A321-200 aircraft. The agreement will see all scheduled shop visits carried out at MTU Maintenance Zhuhai, the group's dedicated narrow-body engine facility. EVA Air will additionally be able to draw on spare engine support through the MTU Maintenance Lease Services engine pool during maintenance periods. The deal represents MTU's return to the Taiwanese aviation market and reflects the company's broader ambitions to expand its regional presence through increased capacity and enhanced technical expertise. MTU last secured a contract with a Taiwanese airline in 2016. The contract marks the first time EVA Air has selected an independent provider to exclusively manage comprehensive engine maintenance services. Previously, the airline relied on original equipment manufacturers for its engine MRO requirements. Gert Wagner, President and CEO of MTU Maintenance Zhuhai commented on the new partnership: "EVA Air is one of the biggest and most recognizable airlines in Asia-Pacific, and our entire network is ready to support them. Having surpassed the 5,000th shop-visit mark in Zhuhai in 2025, we have now set our sights on the next phase for the location: to be the best choice for narrow-body engines on the APAC market. This contract represents yet another building block in achieving that goal." "EVA Air has very high expectations of our service providers," stated Steve Liu, Executive Vice President of Engineering & Maintenance at EVA Air. "Over the course of the talks and negotiations, MTU Maintenance's extensive capabilities and technical expertise convinced us that it is the right partner to entrust our CFM56-5Bs for reliable and expert service."

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Global Airtech secures BBN Thailand deal

Global Airtech has signed a five-year component availability agreement with BBN Airlines Thailand (BBN Thailand) to support operations across its A320 fleet. The agreement covers the leasing of fast-moving and mission-critical airframe and engine components, strategically positioned at BBN Thailand's facilities in Bangkok. Inventory replenishment will be supported through Global Airtech's regional pool in Singapore, while repairs will be managed via its established network of regional repair partners. The arrangement enables Global Airtech to leverage its extensive A320 inventory holdings and regional repair capabilities, delivering faster turnaround times and improved component availability to support operational reliability. "Global Airtech was selected based on its strong market reputation in supporting critical material requirements, which was a key consideration for BBN Thailand given the high stability demands of our ACMI operations. Reliable component availability is essential to maintaining operational performance and fulfilling our service commitments," said Apirak Homlaor, CEO of BBN Thailand.



Global Airtech will support operations across BBN Airlines Thailand's A320 fleet
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3TOP targets regional jet aftermarket with E190 acquisition

3TOP Aviation Services (3TOP) has acquired two Embraer E190-100 regional aircraft as part of a strategic move into the growing regional jet aftermarket sector. The aircraft, bearing MSNs 19000470 and 19000479, were previously operated by Alitalia. The acquisition marks a diversification of 3TOP’s portfolio and strengthens its position within the global aviation supply chain. The aircraft will be utilised to support continued international demand for high-quality engine and airframe components, particularly as operators continue to face supply chain and maintenance challenges. “The Embraer E190 platform continues to demonstrate strong relevance across the regional aviation market, particularly as operators seek dependable support solutions amid ongoing supply chain constraints,” said Paul Dsilva, VP Operations & Technical at 3TOP. He added that the acquisition aligns with the company’s strategy of investing in assets offering strong teardown value, component liquidity and immediate aftermarket demand. Expanding into the E-Jet platform will also enhance 3TOP’s ability to provide responsive inventory support across both engine and airframe materials.



3TOP has acquired two former Alitalia-operated E190 aircraft

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Finnair awards A350 landing gear overhaul deal to Liebherr



Liebherr-Aerospace will perform overhaul of the nose landing gear systems for Finnair’s Airbus A350 aircraft
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Finnair has selected Liebherr-Aerospace to overhaul the nose landing gear systems for its Airbus A350 fleet. All overhaul work will be carried out in-house at Liebherr-Aerospace’s facility in Lindenberg, Germany, drawing on the company’s expertise as both the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and a specialist provider of landing gear maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services. Liebherr said the agreement comes as the aviation industry enters a new global wave of landing gear overhauls, with airlines increasingly focused on securing future maintenance capacity. The deal strengthens the long-standing partnership between the two companies and reinforces Liebherr’s role in supporting Finnair’s A350 operations. Liebherr-Aerospace Lindenberg GmbH developed, manufactured and certified the Airbus A350 nose landing gear system, and serves as the group’s centre of competence for flight controls, landing gear systems, gears, gearboxes and electronics.

SSAMC becomes China’s first CFM LEAP MRO provider

CFM International (CFM) and Sichuan Services Aero-engine Maintenance Company (SSAMC), the joint venture between Air China and CFM, have confirmed that SSAMC will join the network of Premier MRO providers for CFM LEAP engines. The announcement was made during a ceremony at MRO Greater China, where the company outlined plans to deliver maintenance, repair and overhaul support for the LEAP engine family. “As a shareholder and major customer of SSAMC, Air China highly values this milestone. SSAMC’s admission into the CFM LEAP Premier MRO ecosystem elevates our long-standing partnership with CFM to a new level and strengthens support for our fleet—especially the growing C919 fleet,” expressed Jiliang Ni, Senior Vice President at Air China Limited. “With strong shareholder backing, SSAMC is positioning itself for even greater success ahead.” The designation marks SSAMC as China’s first Premier MRO provider for CFM LEAP engines and the first facility authorised to maintain LEAP-1C engines powering the COMAC C919. In addition, the site will be certified to service LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B engines used on Airbus A320neo family aircraft and Boeing 737 MAX jets. “Air China is the only airline in the world to have operated six generations of CFM engines and established an engine maintenance shop with us,” added Weiming Xiang, president of CFM Greater China and GE Aerospace Greater China. “This agreement builds on that rich history together.” SSAMC was established in Chengdu in 1999 and has serviced more than 2,800 CFM engines, including both CFM56 and LEAP engines for Boeing 737- and Airbus A320-family operators.



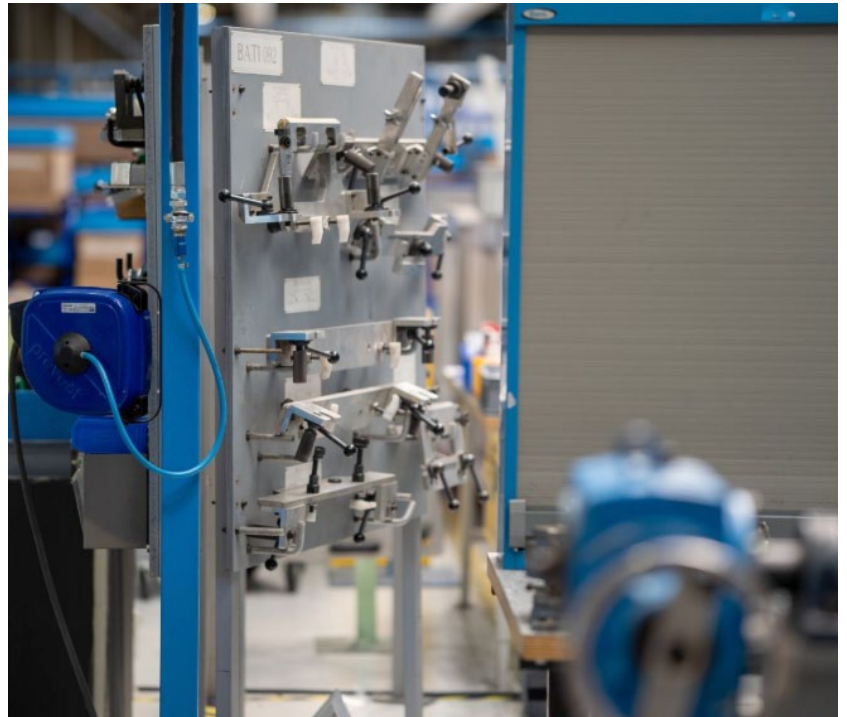
Leap engine at SSAMC facility

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FIGEAC AÉRO extends strategic partnership in the United States

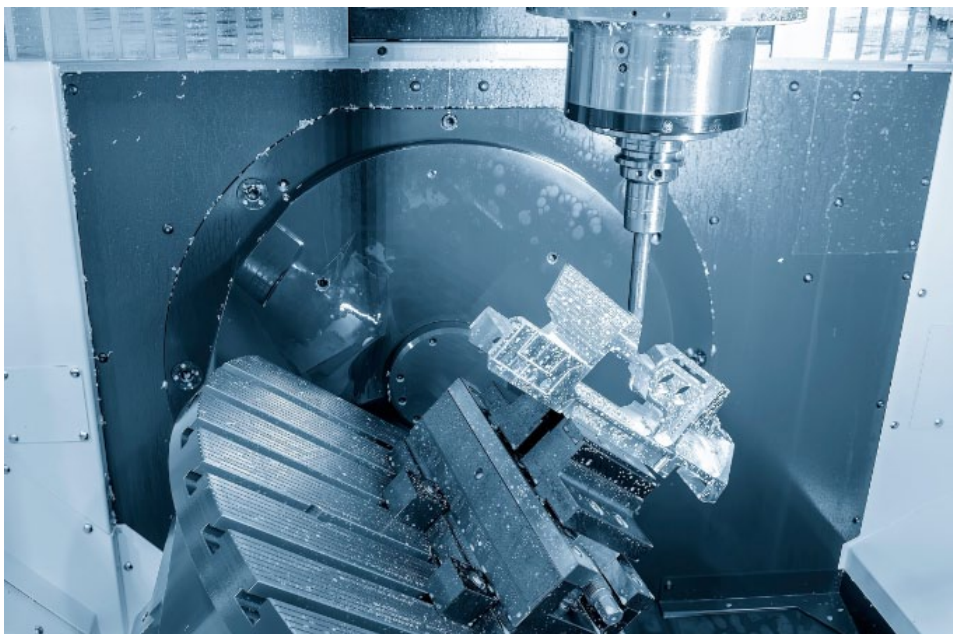
FIGEAC AÉRO has secured a new multi-million-dollar agreement with one of its US customers, further expanding their partnership through the manufacture of wing spars for a civil aircraft programme. The US customer, a manufacturer of both civil and military aircraft, has selected FIGEAC AÉRO Wichita (FIGEAC AÉRO North America) for its expertise in machining large aluminium structural components used in aircraft wings. These components form the primary load-bearing structure of the wing and are designed to withstand aerodynamic and operational stresses. The latest agreement further strengthens a relationship established through an earlier contract involving wing structures for another aircraft programme. FIGEAC AÉRO Wichita said the award reflects the Group's strategic strengths, including its specialist expertise in machining large aluminium components and its close operational proximity to customers. Production will be carried out at the Group's Wichita site and is scheduled to begin during the second half of the current financial year. The company said no major industrial investment will be required, as the work will be supported using existing production capabilities. "This new contract demonstrates both the growth potential identified when the partnership was first launched and the opportunity to support the increasing requirements of our customers in both the civil and military



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sectors in the United States." stated Shane Torgler, Director of FIGEAC AÉRO Wichita. Benjamin Thomas, Chief Operating Officer for North America at FIGEAC AÉRO Group, acknowledged the company was encouraged by the progress of its North American operations, adding that the Wichita and Chihuahua facilities were meeting the Group's expectations as key contributors to its wider business development strategy.

DSC Trading launches new partnership with Skyways Technics



DSC Trading and Skyways Technics sign parts agreement

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DSC Trading has announced a new consignment partnership with Skyways Technics, a global provider of regional and commercial aircraft support services. Under the agreement, DSC Trading has received a broad inventory of expendable components supporting a range of aircraft types, including the Boeing 737, Airbus A320, ATR 42/72, CRJ 100/200/900 and the Embraer ERJ 135/145. Skyways Technics has developed a strong international presence over the past 35 years, providing tailored maintenance and repair solutions to aircraft operators and owners worldwide. The company supports customers through an extensive network that includes base maintenance operations, spare parts support and workshop facilities in Europe, as well as workshops in Asia and sales offices across the Middle East and the United States. The new consignment partnership further enhances DSC Trading's ability to provide expand-

able inventory support and responsive material solutions to airlines, MRO providers and repair facilities across the global commercial and regional aviation sectors. The agreement also marks another step in the company's long-term growth strategy, strengthening its commitment to delivering reliable aviation support services through increased inventory availability across several of the industry's most widely operated aircraft platforms. DSC Trading is a US-based aircraft parts supplier headquartered in St Johns, Florida, specialising in certified expendable, consumable and rotatable components for Boeing and Airbus fleets. Founded in 2002, the company supports more than 1,800 airlines, MRO providers and repair stations worldwide from a 50,000 ft² facility holding over 11 million parts in stock.

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SIAEC opens new Base Maintenance Malaysia (BMM) in Subang

SIA Engineering Company (SIAEC) officially opened Base Maintenance Malaysia (BMM) on May 22, its wholly owned base maintenance facility at Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport, Subang. BMM forms part of SIAEC's regional base maintenance network, adding capacity to support its existing hangar operations in Singapore and the Philippines. The facility will provide maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services for both wide-body and narrow-body aircraft, including current- and next-generation fleets operating across Asia-Pacific and beyond. The two-hangar facility can accommodate up to six aircraft undergoing concurrent checks, strengthening SIAEC's operational resilience while offering customers greater flexibility in meeting their MRO requirements. The launch of BMM also underscores SIAEC's confidence in Malaysia as a key aerospace hub. Malaysia offers a strong aviation heritage, strategic geographic position, established infrastructure, and an expanding pool of skilled aerospace talent. Subang, in particular, continues to play an important role in the country's aviation and aerospace ecosystem. BMM secured the necessary regulatory approvals for the first of its two hangars and completed its first Airbus A350 aircraft check in November 2025. The successful completion of aircraft checks for Singapore Airlines marked significant milestones in demonstrating the facility's operational readiness and technical capabilities.

Heli-One launches first S-92 support centre in Brazil

Heli-One has opened Brazil's first Sikorsky-authorized S-92 Customer Support Center, expanding maintenance and support capabilities for operators of the heavy-lift helicopter across South America. The new facility will provide both scheduled and unscheduled maintenance services for any S-92 aircraft operating in the region and forms the foundation of a wider S-92 Centre of Excellence. In addition to maintenance, the centre will eventually offer parts provisioning as well as overhaul and repair services aimed at improving aircraft availability and operational efficiency. The launch marks a significant step in Heli-One's strategy to strengthen its global maintenance, repair and overhaul network by positioning advanced support services closer to operators in key aviation markets. The company said the expansion builds on its long-standing experience supporting civil, military and public service helicopter fleets worldwide. The initiative is supported by Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin company, and aircraft lessor Milestone, part of AerCap, which owns 17 of the approximately 40 S-92 helicopters currently operating in South America. The S-92 is widely used for offshore transport and other heavy-lift missions, and is capable of carrying up to 19 passengers over a 200-nautical-mile radius. The Brazil facility is the first S-92 support centre established in South America and the ninth globally, reinforcing the region's growing importance in offshore and utility helicopter operations.



The official opening of Heli-One's new S-92 Customer Support Center in Brazil © Lockheed Martin

Leonardo opens new UK helicopter hub



Ribbon-cutting ceremony at Leonardo's new Elstree Aerodrome facility

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Leonardo has opened a new helicopter maintenance and support facility at Elstree Aerodrome in Hertfordshire, marking a further expansion of its presence in the UK aerospace sector. The new site, Leonardo's tenth operational location in the UK, represents a multi-million-pound investment focused on high-value engineering capability. It will provide manufacturer-approved maintenance, logistics and technical support for Leonardo civil helicopters operating across the UK and Ireland, improving customer access to direct support and strengthening operational resilience. The facility follows Leonardo's recent £1 billion (US\$1.34 billion) contract linked to the UK's New Medium Helicopter (NMH) programme and forms part of the company's broader effort to strengthen sovereign industrial capability in the UK. Leonardo said the Elstree hub will support the large fleet of its commercial helicopters operating across Britain, serving commercial operators as well as emergency and specialist services. Around 30 aircraft within the UK fleet

are currently used for critical community roles, including air ambulance and emergency medical services. By expanding its original equipment manufacturer presence within the country, Leonardo aims to provide faster and more responsive support while continuing to work alongside established UK service providers. The company also plans to create highly skilled engineering positions in Hertfordshire, with further workforce growth expected as operations expand over the coming years. Leonardo said it will place particular emphasis on developing early-career engineers and technicians to help strengthen the UK's aerospace skills base and create long-term employment opportunities. As part of this effort, Leonardo will collaborate with the University of Hertfordshire to help shape engineering courses and ensure graduates leave with skills aligned to industry requirements. The facility will operate through Leonardo Belgium, the group's European civil and public service helicopter support division, combining continental logistics expertise with UK engineering capability to support Leonardo helicopter operators across Britain and Ireland.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Atlas takes stake in Air Atlanta



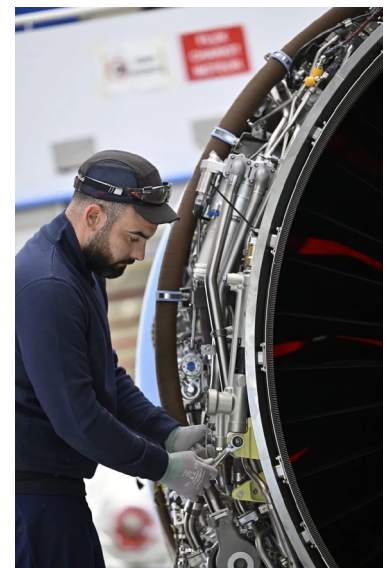
Atlas to acquire a 49% minority equity stake in Air Atlanta

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Atlas Air Worldwide (Atlas) has signed a share purchase agreement to acquire a 49% minority stake in Air Atlanta, the Iceland-based global provider of ACMI and aircraft management services with operating platforms in Iceland and Malta. The transaction creates a strategic partnership that expands Atlas' global operating platform and strengthens access to wide-body capacity in key international markets. Separately, Atlas, through its Titan Aviation Holdings subsidiary, will acquire the aircraft owned by the Air Atlanta group and lease them back to the airline companies for continued operation. Air Atlanta currently operates a fleet of 14 wide-body freighters, including Boeing 747 and 777 aircraft, alongside four passenger Boeing 777s. "This transaction reflects Atlas' disciplined approach to strategic growth in a structurally constrained widebody freighter market and further advances our One Atlas strategy," said Michael Steen, Chief Executive Officer of Atlas Air Worldwide. "By combining Atlas' global commercial platform with Air Atlanta's complementary operating model and European footprint, we are expanding access to capacity and strengthening our ability to serve customers worldwide and deliver value to stakeholders. "Air Atlanta has built a strong reputation over decades of operations, and we are delighted to partner with their excellent team. Together, we believe this partnership will strengthen both organisations and position us for continued success in the evolving global aviation market." Air Atlanta will continue to operate under its existing leadership team and structure, while both companies work together commercially to pursue additional global growth opportunities. Following completion of the transaction, the existing Air Atlanta management team will retain a 51% controlling interest in the airline operating companies. The deal is expected to close in the third quarter of 2026, subject to regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions.

Sopra Steria eyes aerospace expansion

Sopra Steria has entered into exclusive negotiations to acquire the Manufacturing Engineering business of Daher Industrial Services (Daher) in a move designed to strengthen its aerospace engineering capabilities and deepen its position within the European aviation sector. The proposed acquisition would significantly expand Sopra Steria's expertise in manufacturing engineering, particularly in the aerospace industry, where demand for greater production efficiency and industrial performance continues to grow. Daher Industrial Services' Manufacturing Engineering division specialises in two key stages of the aerospace manufacturing process: the preparatory pre-production phase and operational support aimed at increasing production rates and improving manufacturing efficiency. The business also provides services focused on quality assurance, industrial performance and continuity across manufacturing operations. With more than 360 employees, the majority based in France, the division generated revenue exceeding €42 million in 2025. Airbus represents its principal customer, with the partnership between the companies dating back to 1995. For Sopra Steria, the deal would represent a major step forward in expanding its role across the aerospace value chain. The company said the acquisition aligns with its wider strategy of developing end-to-end expertise capable of supporting increasingly complex aerospace manufacturing programmes. The move comes at a time when aircraft manufacturers are under pressure to accelerate production while simultaneously meeting stricter industrial and operational standards. By integrating Daher Industrial Services' manufacturing engineering capabilities, Sopra Steria aims to strengthen its ability to support major aerospace groups, including Airbus, across a broader range of industrial activities. The acquisition would also reinforce Sopra Steria's ambition to position itself as a leading technology and industrial partner for Europe's major aerospace programmes, particularly as the sector continues to modernise and scale production capacity. The proposed transaction remains subject to consultations with employee representative bodies and the usual regulatory approvals. Completion of the acquisition is expected during the second half of the year.



Sopra Steria has entered into negotiations with a view to acquiring the Manufacturing Engineering business from Daher Industrial Services
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FTAI Aviation lands debut US\$612m ABS deal

FTAI Aviation has announced the successful pricing of the inaugural asset-backed securitisation (ABS) issued by its Strategic Capital vehicle, FTAI MRE 2026-1. The offering comprises US\$612 million in notes backed by a portfolio of 48 A320neo and Boeing 737NG aircraft leased to 23 airlines worldwide. FTAI MRE 2026-1 will issue two classes of investment-grade notes, with the Series A notes expected to receive ratings of A- / A(sf) from Fitch and KBRA respectively, while the Series B notes are expected to be rated BBB+sf by Fitch. The transaction is expected to close on June 4, 2026. The aircraft supporting the ABS are owned by FTAI's first Strategic Capital vehicle, which completed fundraising in October 2025 with US\$2.0 billion in equity commitments and currently owns 292 aircraft. According to the company, the transaction attracted strong investor demand, with both classes of notes significantly oversubscribed. "This inaugural securitisation marks an important milestone for FTAI and our Strategic Capital vehicles as we diversify our funding sources and strengthen our presence in the capital markets," said Kallie Steffes, Head of Strategic Capital at FTAI. "We believe the strong investor interest reflects confidence in our differentiated investment approach within the narrow-body aircraft sector, combining FTAI's leading engine maintenance capabilities with aircraft ownership. We are grateful to the teams at ATLAS SP Partners and Deutsche Bank for their partnership from the launch of our initial warehouse through to this ABS issuance." ATLAS SP Partners and Deutsche Bank acted as joint structuring agents and joint lead bookrunners for the transaction. BNP Paribas, Citigroup and PNC Capital Markets served as joint bookrunners, while Standard Chartered Bank and KeyBanc Capital Markets acted as co-managers.

MILITARY AND DEFENCE

Thai Navy orders Airbus C295 duo

The Royal Thai Navy has ordered two Airbus C295 aircraft in an enhanced transport configuration. The aircraft will support a wide range of missions, including logistics transport, maritime patrol and search and rescue operations. Equipped with advanced Electro-Optical/Infra-Red sensor systems, the C295s will be capable of detecting, classifying and identifying targets at sea and on land in both day and night conditions. The latest order follows a recent contract signed by the Royal Thai Air Force for two additional C295s and builds on the three aircraft already operated by the Royal Thai Army since 2016 for troop and cargo transport missions. The growing fleet has established the C295 as the tactical transport aircraft of choice for the Thai Armed Forces. The two aircraft for the Royal Thai Navy will operate from U-Tapao air base in Sattahip and will be assembled at Airbus Defence and Space facilities in Seville, Spain. The first delivery is scheduled for the end of 2028. Across the Asia-Pacific region, seven countries have now ordered a total of 90 C295 aircraft. Globally, the type dominates its market segment with 335 orders from 39 countries and has accumulated more than 750,000 flight hours worldwide.



C295 aircraft in Royal Thai Navy livery

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Ukraine intends to acquire batch of 20 Gripen E/F jets



Gripen E/F fighter jet

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Sweden's Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy have announced that Ukraine intends to acquire an initial batch of up to 20 Gripen E/F fighter aircraft, while Sweden intends to donate up to 16 Gripen C/D aircraft to Ukraine. The Swedish Government has also confirmed funding to replace the donated Gripen aircraft within Sweden's own armed forces. The next step for the Swedish and Ukrainian authorities will be to conclude negotiations regarding Ukraine's acquisition of Gripen E/F aircraft, which is expected to proceed in stages. Saab will support the process. Discussions concerning Sweden's replacement of the donated capability are also expected to begin shortly. Saab has not yet signed any contract or received any order relating to these plans. The announcements were made during a press conference in Uppsala, Sweden, on May 28, where Prime Minister Kristersson and President Zelenskyy jointly outlined their intentions regarding Ukraine's air defence capability and the planned acquisition of Gripen aircraft. The announcement follows President Zelenskyy's visit to Linköping, Sweden, in October 2025, during which Sweden and

Ukraine signed a letter of intent on co-operation in the field of air defence, laying the groundwork for this latest development.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

South Korean start-up carrier **SUM Air** has gone live with the AMOS maintenance and engineering platform from **Swiss AviationSoftware** (Swiss-AS), creating a scalable digital foundation ahead of its first aircraft delivery. The move makes SUM Air the fourth South Korean airline to adopt AMOS, using the integrated system to streamline maintenance operations, improve efficiency and support long-term expansion. The platform provides full oversight of maintenance planning, real-time execution tracking and regulatory compliance, helping the airline scale operations without added complexity. SUM Air has also introduced AMOSmobile/EXEC and AMOSmobile/STORES, enabling mechanics and store personnel to manage tasks, inventory and maintenance records through mobile devices in a fully paperless workflow. The digital tools are designed to reduce turnaround times, eliminate paperwork and support faster operational decision-making. The airline currently operates a single ATR 72 on domestic services and plans to expand internationally. AMOS will serve as the operational backbone for future fleet and network growth.



SUM Air is the fourth South Korean airline to implement AMOS

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OTHER NEWS

Airbus has launched the Airbus Tech Hub in Canada, a new platform aimed at accelerating aerospace research and innovation through collaboration with the country's technology and academic ecosystem. Located in Mirabel, the Canada Tech Hub joins Airbus' existing global network of innovation centres in South Korea, Japan, Singapore and the Netherlands. The initiative is designed to strengthen collaboration between industry, academia, government agencies and start-ups to advance next-generation aerospace technologies. The Canadian hub will focus on three main areas supporting the A220 programme and future aircraft development. These include sustainable materials research covering composite materials, titanium recycling and advanced conductive coatings; decarbonisation technologies such as next-generation batteries, electrical taxiing, fuel cells, hydrogen systems, aerodynamics and Sustainable Aviation Fuel validation for the A220; and manufacturing and operations, including the use of artificial intelligence, industrial robotics and Digital Twin applications to support the A220 production ramp-up. The facility will also leverage Canada's strengths in artificial intelligence and quantum computing to enhance research simulations, manufacturing processes and flight operations. Airbus said the Tech Hub will create synergies across its Commercial Aircraft, Helicopters, Defence and Space, Airbus Atlantic and Skywise businesses in Canada. The initiative will work closely with leading academic institutions including McGill University and the University of Waterloo, alongside innovation accelerators such as Centech, to support high-impact Canadian aerospace research and technology development. Supported by organisations including the Ministry of Economy, Innovation and Energy, CRIAQ and Aéroports de Montréal, the Hub will also focus on developing future aerospace talent through dedicated PhD and Masters' programmes aimed at strengthening Airbus' industrial and digital capabilities in Canada.



Schiphol is the first European airport to deploy the electronic TaxiBot for Airbus aircraft

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easyJet and **Amsterdam Schiphol Airport** have launched electronic TaxiBot operations for Airbus aircraft at Schiphol following a successful trial earlier this year, marking a further step in reducing ground emissions and improving operational efficiency. Funded through the SESAR HERON project, TaxiBot is a semi-robotic aircraft tug that allows aircraft to taxi between the gate and runway without using their main engines. Instead, the aircraft operates on its auxiliary power unit (APU), cutting fuel burn, CO₂ emissions and apron noise during ground operations. Following initial testing in March, easyJet operated its first passenger flight using TaxiBot on April 30. Three additional easyJet Airbus A320neo aircraft are now being permanently equipped with the system as part of the programme developed alongside Schiphol, Menzies Aviation, Airbus and SAS. easyJet estimates the technology will save around 95kg of fuel and 299kg of CO₂ per flight. Schiphol, the first airport in Europe to deploy electric TaxiBot technology for Airbus operations, said wider adoption could reduce taxiing fuel consumption by up to 65%, while also lowering NOx and ultrafine particle emissions. The initiative forms part of Schiphol's broader sustainability strategy, developed in partnership with airlines, ground handlers, air traffic control and technology providers to reduce the environmental impact of day-to-day airport operations.

American Airlines

will equip more than 500 narrow-body aircraft with **Starlink** high-speed satellite internet from the first quarter of 2027, marking a major upgrade to its inflight customer experience. The airline's Airbus narrow-body fleet, including incoming A321XLR and A321neo aircraft, will gain access to Starlink's low Earth orbit broadband network,



American Airlines to install Starlink on 500 narrow-body aircraft © American Airlines

enabling faster and more reliable connectivity for streaming, online gaming, video calls and real-time communication on domestic and short-haul international flights. Starlink's Aero Terminal technology can deliver speeds of up to 1 Gbps per antenna, supporting a significantly enhanced onboard internet experience across American's narrow-body operations.

INDUSTRY PEOPLE



Adeline Lim

- BOC Aviation has appointed **Adeline Lim** as Chief Risk Officer with effect from May 25, 2026. In her new role, Lim will lead the company's global risk management function, oversee airline

credit risk and enterprise risk, while shaping and executing the group's overall risk strategy and governance framework. She succeeds **Stephen Barnes**, who will remain with the company during a transition period ahead of his retirement. Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director **Steven Townend** said Lim's broad experience across multiple roles, regions and leasing platforms would strengthen the company's management team, while also thanking Barnes for his long-standing

contribution to the business. Lim brings more than 13 years of experience in aircraft leasing. She began her career as an aerodynamics engineer at DSO National Laboratories before joining BOC Aviation as a risk analyst focused on maintenance exposure across the portfolio. She later covered airline risk across Asia, Europe and the Americas, including from the company's London office, and also worked in the CEO's office. Prior to re-joining BOC Aviation, she served as Ex-

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executive Vice President, Portfolio Risk Management at SMBC Aviation Capital. Lim holds a CFA designation and a Bachelor of Engineering in Aerospace Engineering from Nanyang Technological University.



Vytenis Suklys

- Avion Express, the global ACMI (Aircraft, Crew, Maintenance and Insurance) operator, has announced the appointment of **Vytenis Suklys** as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective June 1. Suklys brings extensive experience in both aviation and financial management. He previously served as Chief Financial Officer at Avion Express, gaining deep insight into the company's operations, strategy and long-term ambitions. In addition to his aviation background, he has built broad experience within a major logistics business group. In his new role, Suklys will focus on strengthening operational performance and supporting the company's continued expansion across global markets. He succeeds **Darius Kajokas**, who led the company for more than eight years, overseeing a period of exceptional growth, international expansion and operational excellence.



Tim McGuire
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- Ascent Aviation Services (Ascent) has announced the immediate promotion of **Tim McGuire** to President & Chief Operating Officer. During the past four years as COO, McGuire has played a central role in strengthening the company's operations, boosting productivity, reducing damage and rework, and reinforcing customer confidence. He has also established himself as a respected leader within the organisation and a valued partner to customers, employees and shareholders alike. In his expanded position, McGuire will continue to oversee the company's day-to-day operations while gradually taking on responsibility for additional corporate functions, including Sales & Marketing, Contracts and Finance. The transition will be managed carefully to maintain continuity for employees, customers and ongoing programmes, including preparations

for the company's first Boeing 777-300ER passenger-to-freighter conversion programme. Once these responsibilities have been transferred, McGuire will take overall responsibility for the company's day-to-day management, while the current leadership will place greater emphasis on corporate strategy, growth opportunities, shareholder relations and the long-term positioning of Ascent. Reporting structures will remain unchanged for the time being, with further updates to be communicated as the transition progresses. **David Querio** congratulated McGuire on his promotion, describing it as well deserved and expressing confidence in his leadership as Ascent continues to build for the future. He also praised the wider team for its ongoing efforts in driving the company's growth and strengthening the global recognition of the Ascent Aviation Services brand. The leadership transition follows the departure of Chief Commercial Officer **Scott Butler** last month, with **Scott Diaz** appointed Executive Vice President of Sales & Marketing as part of a broader strengthening of the company's executive structure.



Jeffrey Lam

- ST Engineering has disclosed that **Jeffrey Lam** will assume the role of Group Deputy Chief Executive Officer from June 1, 2026. He will step down from his current positions as Group Chief Operating Officer (Operations Excellence) and President of Commercial Aerospace. In his new capacity, Lam will continue reporting to **Vincent Chong**, Group President and Chief Executive Officer, and will retain his seat on the Group Executive Committee. Lam brings more than two decades of leadership experience across the aerospace sector and has played a pivotal role in advancing the division's operational performance, customer partnerships and growth initiatives. His deep industry expertise and strong track record in driving execution position him well to lead the business through its next phase of development and global expansion. ST Engineering continues to grow its global footprint, supported by a strong order book and disciplined strategy execution. As the Group expands, the wider scope of its businesses calls for sharper Group-level focus to improve alignment and unlock synergies across the organisation. As

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Deputy CEO, Lam will support the Group CEO in driving key enterprise priorities, realising Group-wide synergies and enhancing organisational excellence. He will also oversee the Commercial Aerospace business at the management level. "This appointment strengthens our leadership bench at the Group level," stated Vincent Chong. "With his strong track record in business management and leadership, Jeffrey brings the experience and perspectives to advance our strategic priorities and strengthen our organisational capabilities across the Group." Concurrently, the Group will appoint **Kevin Chow**, currently Head of Aerostructures and Systems at Commercial Aerospace, to succeed Lam as President of Commercial Aerospace.

THE AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE MARKETPLACE

Commercial Jet Aircraft

Aircraft Type	Company	Engine	MSN	Year	Available	Sale / Lease	Contact	Email	Phone
B737-800 SF	GA Telesis		33814	2004	Now	Sale / Lease		aircraft@gatelesis.com	

Commercial Engines

CF34 Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(1) CF34-10E6	Now - Lease	Willis Lease	Jennifer Merriam	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950

CFM Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
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(1) CFM56-5C4	Now - Lease	Willis Lease	Jennifer Merriam	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950
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(1) CFM56-5B4/P	Now - Lease	Engine Lease Finance	Declan Madigan	declan.madigan@elfc.com	+353 61 291717
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(1) CFM56-7B26					
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(1) CFM56-7B26E					
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(2) CFM56-7B26	Now - Sale / Lease	GA Telesis		engines@gatelesis.com	
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(1) CFM56-5B4/P	Now - Sale / Lease				
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(1) CFM56-5B4/P	Now - Sale	BBAM	Steve Zissis	info@bbam.com	+1 787 665 7040
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(1) CFM56-7B26	Now - Lease				
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(1) CFM56-7B26/3	Now - Lease				
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(4) CFM56-5B6/P	Now - Sale				
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(3) CFM56-5B5/P	Now - Sale				
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LEAP Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
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(1) LEAP-1B	Now - Lease	Engine Lease Finance	Declan Madigan	declan.madigan@elfc.com	+353 61 291717
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(1) LEAP-1B28	Now - Lease	Willis Lease	Jennifer Merriam	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950
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(1) LEAP-1B27					
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Commercial Engines

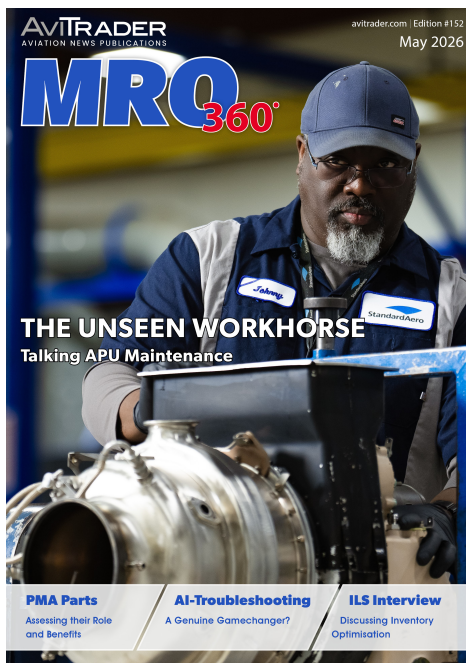
PW Small Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
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(2) PW150A	Now - Sale/Lease/Exch.	Willis Lease	David Desaulniers	leasing@willislease.com	+1 (561) 349-8950
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(1) PW127M	Now - Sale/Lease/Exch.				
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PW1000 Engines	Sale / Lease	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
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(1) PW1100G-JM	Now - Lease	Engine Lease Finance	Declan Madigan	declan.madigan@elfc.com	+353 61 291717
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Aircraft and Engine Parts, Components and Misc. Equipment

Description	Company	Contact	Email	Phone
(2) GTC331-200ER, (2) GTC131-9A, (1) GTC131-9B (1) A321 Enhanced Landing Gear 2020 OH	Setna IO	David Chaimovitz	david@setnaio.com	+1-312-549-4459
(3) A340 LG Shipset, (1) B777 LG Shipset (3) B737 LG Shipset, (11) A320 LG Shipset, (1) B757 LG Shipset, (1) 767 Shipset	GA Telesis		landinggearsales@gatelesis.com	
(3) 131-9A, (9) 131-9B (Max compliant) (1) 331-500, (1) PW901, (1) 131-9B	GA Telesis		apu@gatelesis.com	+1-954-849-3509
Engine stands: CF6-80C2, CFM56-5A/B/C, PW4000			stands@gatelesis.com	+1-954-676-3111
(2) APU GTC131-9B Engine stands now available	Willis Lease	Gavin Connolly	gconnolly@willislease.com	+44 1656 765 256

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