

# Aerospace Market News

April 2018

## **A record First Quarter for single-aisle aircraft and engine deliveries.**

**Boeing delivered 91 aircraft in March which is a new company record for deliveries in a single month. This included 66 single-aisle deliveries, also a company record for a single month. In addition, the U.S. manufacturer delivered 132 single-aisles in the First Quarter which is a new company record for a First Quarter.**

**These figures contributed to a new First Quarter single-aisle aircraft delivery record and CFM had a record number of First Quarter engine installs.**

## Aerospace Market News : April 2018.

Summary Data : Aircraft. 3  
Summary Data : Engines. 5

**Industry Overview** : 7

**There has been a shortage of engines but no shortage of new records.**

First Quarter deliveries were just eight short of the Q1 2015 record which means that the total of 310 this year is the second largest ever for a First Quarter. There were fewer widebody deliveries than last year but there is a new Q1 record for single-aisle deliveries. There has been a shortage of engines for the 787 which may have impacted the widebody delivery figure this year and there has also been a shortage of engines for the A320neo Family which may have prevented Airbus from having a record First Quarter.

**The Large Commercial Jet Aircraft Backlog** : 12

**The widebody backlog dropped to a new low in March.**

In March the widebody backlog dropped by seven aircraft which is not really very much but it was enough to provide a new industry low. There are now 2,300 widebodies on backlog which is 20 fewer than at the start of this year. The single-aisle backlog increased by 45 aircraft in March and is now the second largest that it has ever been although it is still a little lower than at the start of the year.

**Single-aisle and Widebody Backlogs.** 18

**Orders for Large Commercial Jets** : 22

**The best First Quarter since 2014.**

There were orders for 245 single-aisle and 78 widebody aircraft in the First Quarter. The total of 323 aircraft is the largest for a First Quarter since 2014. The single-aisle total was the largest for a First Quarter since 2014 while the widebody total was the largest for a First Quarter since 2015.

**Summary orders by month.** 24

**Deliveries of Large Commercial Jets** : 28

**A record First Quarter for single-aisle aircraft deliveries.**

For single-aisles, it was a record March and a record First Quarter in terms of deliveries. However, there were fewer widebody deliveries in March than in March last year and the First Quarter widebody total was the third largest for a First Quarter. There were 310 First Quarter deliveries, the second largest for a First Quarter after Q1 2015.

**First Quarter Deliveries (2016-2018).** 31

**Summary deliveries by month.** 32

**Current Production Rates** : 36

**Aircraft Engines** : 38

**Despite a shortage of single-aisle engines, there is a new install record.**

Airbus' First Quarter financial statement blames fewer A320neo Family deliveries on a shortage of engines but notes that the engine manufacturers are confident of meeting aircraft production demands this year. Despite the lack of engines, there is a new March single-aisle engine install record as well as a new First Quarter single-aisle install record.

**The Firm Jet Engine Order Book.** 40

**Single-aisle and Widebody engines on firm order.** 42

**Engine Orders.** 53

**Engine Installs.** 54

**Engine Programs : The Firm Order Books :** 57

**Appendices.** 75

Philip G. Abbott, Editor & Publisher. amneditor@aol.com Telephone : UK 0208 542 3466  
Aerospace Market News is published by Industry Research Group.  
66 Westway, London SW20 9LU. United Kingdom. ISSN 1462-933x © Industry Research Group 2018