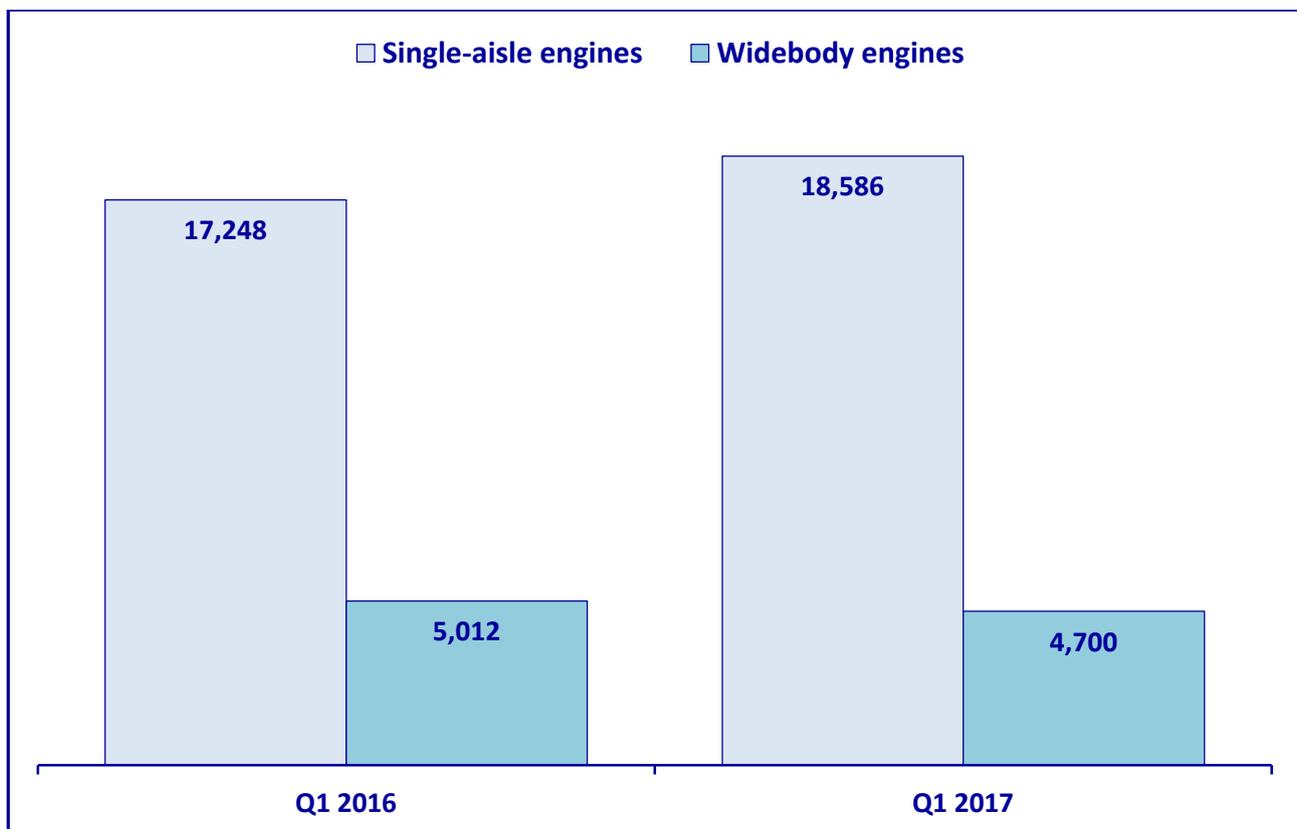


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The single-aisle engine order book keeps rising while the widebody engine order book keeps falling.



The single-aisle engine order book is now 1,338 engines larger than it was 12 months ago while the number of widebody engines on order is down 312. In the First Quarter of this year the single-aisle engine order book grew by nearly 500 engines while the number of widebody engines on order dropped by 132. At the end of Q1 there was a new single-aisle engine order book high.

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The First Quarter engine order intake was the largest for a First Quarter since 2012 but the aircraft order intake in Q1 was the second lowest for a First Quarter since 2011. By the end of Q1, fewer aircraft had been ordered than were delivered and the backlog had dropped. With engines it was the other way around – far more orders than deliveries in Q1 and a larger order book than at the start of the year.

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Engine orders in March have pushed the number of single-aisle engines on firm order to a new high. There are now 496 more single-aisle engines on order than at the start of this year and the gain in the last 12 months has been over 1,300. The number of widebody engines on firm order has fallen for each of the last three months and is now down 132 engines since the start of the year.

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Only Boeing has had a backlog gain this year. At the end of March there were fewer single-aisle and fewer widebody aircraft on backlog than at the start of this year. Airbus had 98 fewer single-aisles and 32 fewer widebodies on backlog while Boeing had 54 more single-aisles on backlog, but 25 fewer widebodies. Airbus has just one program with a larger backlog than at the start of this year while Boeing has five.

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By the end of March, Airbus had taken orders for 26 aircraft. Boeing's Q1 gross intake was over eight times larger. It is not the first time that Airbus has had a low First Quarter intake - in Q1 last year the European manufacturer took orders for 32 aircraft gross, 10 net, and then went on to out-sell Boeing. This time though the net intake is six aircraft.

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There were 96 single-aisle and 42 widebody deliveries in March. These are both new records for the month of March but the low delivery numbers in January and February brought the First Quarter totals down to the extent that, while there were more deliveries than last year, the Q1 2015 record still stands.

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