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A record number of engine installs for the month of March and a record number of First Quarter single-aisle engine installs.

There were 306 engine installs in March, including widebody aircraft engines. This is the fourth largest number of engine installs in a single month. There were more installs in December 2014, December 2016 and December last year.

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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.

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There is a new First Quarter single-aisle engine 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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