

# Aero Engine News

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**Engine Installs – a new record.**

**The largest number of engine installs  
in the first seven months of a year.**

**A record number of single-aisle engine installs  
but the lowest number of widebody installs since 2013.**

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### **The backlog actually dropped in July.**

Every now and again this industry springs a big surprise. July was a Farnborough month and at the air show orders for literally hundreds of aircraft were announced. Not everything announced at one of these big air shows goes on the order books in the same month. Some take time to be fully finalised. But the expectation was that the large commercial jet backlog would get a boost and probably quite a large boost. Instead, the backlog dropped by 72 aircraft.

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### **A record order book and a record number of engine installs.**

There were firm orders for 568 large civil jet engines in July, the largest number ordered in a single month so far this year. These pushed up the number of engines on firm order to the new industry high of 26,224. This figure includes a record number of single-aisle engines. July also saw a record number of new engine installs for the month of July and, so far, there have been 1,640 engine installs which is the largest number ever in the first seven months of a year.

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The industry expects to see some sort of backlog increase, usually fairly large, at the end of a month in which there has been a major air show. It didn't happen in July. Orders were announced but very little actually went onto the books during the month and there were far more deliveries so the backlog dropped.

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In July, mostly at Farnborough, the aircraft manufacturers announced large numbers of commitments for new aircraft. Not everything announced at a major air show goes on the order books in the same month and it invariably takes time for commitments in the form of MoUs or Letters of Intent to be converted to firm orders. The surprise this year was that just 15 single-aisles and 23 widebodies were firm ordered in July.

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### **A record Jan-July total and a record number of single-aisle deliveries.**

So far this year there have been 809 large commercial jet deliveries, 17 more than the previous Jan-July record set in 2015. Widebody delivery numbers have dropped largely due to fewer Boeing widebody deliveries, but single-aisle delivery numbers have reached a new high for the first seven months of a year and Airbus and Boeing have both had company records this year.

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