

Aerospace Market News

December 2018

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or more, 2018 will be another record year.**

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December is usually a very good month for aircraft deliveries, if not the best month of the year. As a result, it is also usually a very good month for engine installs. At the start of 2018 the aircraft manufacturers projected another record year in terms of new aircraft deliveries. Single-aisle aircraft delivery numbers are up but it has not exactly been a good year for widebody aircraft deliveries. They are down. But, despite this, 2018 will still turn out to be another record year.

The Large Commercial Jet Aircraft Backlog : 9
Now down for the fifth consecutive month.

The large commercial jet aircraft backlog dropped by 80 aircraft in November. The number of single-aisles on backlog fell by 56 aircraft and the widebody backlog dropped by 24. The backlog has fallen every month since June and the current figure is 280 aircraft lower than at the start of the year. There are 234 fewer single-aisles and 46 fewer widebodies currently on backlog than at the start of the year.

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A December bonanza would be useful.

More widebodies have been ordered so far than in the whole of 2017 and more than in the whole of 2016 too. The problem area is the single-aisle order intake. By the end of November, 999 single-aisle aircraft had been ordered which is the lowest number for the Jan-November period in several years. This does not necessarily point to a downturn in demand for single-aisles. There could well be a surge of end-of-year orders. It has happened before.

Deliveries of Large Commercial Jets : 25

It is going to be another record year.

By the end of November a total of 1,389 large commercial jets had been delivered, a record for the Jan-November period and 104 more than at the same point in 2017. This record has been achieved by a much larger number of single-aisle aircraft deliveries, up 133, counteracting a drop in the number of widebody deliveries. All that is needed to make 2018 another record year is a total of 110 deliveries in December, less than half the total in December 2017.

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A big, big change in the mix of engine installs.

By the end of November there had been 2,810 new engine installs, a record for the Jan-November period and 188 more than by the end of November 2017. There has been a very big increase in the number of single-aisle engine installs and a drop in the number of widebody engine installs. What is particularly striking is that the mix of installs so far is quite different to the mix a year ago.

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