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There should have been far more single-aisle aircraft deliveries by now.



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Airbus will catch up.

By the end of May there had been 394 single-aisle and 134 widebody aircraft deliveries. The single-aisle total is just three short of the Jan-May record set in 2015 while the widebody total is the lowest for the first five months of a year since 2014. Boeing has set a new company record for single-aisle deliveries by the end of May but Airbus has had the lowest number of Jan-May single-aisle deliveries since 2011. The problem, for the European manufacturer, has been a shortage of engines for the A320neo Family.

The Large Commercial Jet Aircraft Backlog : 11

In overall terms, there has only been fractional backlog change this year.

By the end of May there were 81 fewer large commercial jets on firm backlog than at the start of this year. This amounts to a drop of half of one percent which is barely noticeable, especially when one considers that the backlog increased by 945 aircraft in December alone, a jump of seven percent. There are currently 63 fewer single-aisles and 18 fewer widebodies on backlog than at the start of 2018.

Orders for Large Commercial Jets : 21

Boeing's widebody intake is the largest by the end of May since 2007.

So far this year, Boeing has taken orders for 125 widebody jets, contributing to the largest widebody order intake for the Jan-May period in years. It is, in fact, the U.S. manufacturer's largest widebody order intake for the first five months of a year since 2007. The May widebody intake of 35 aircraft (16 Airbus, 19 Boeing) is the largest for the month of May in years. The single-aisle order intake by the end of May was larger than last year but lower than the Jan-May single-aisle intake in 2016.

Deliveries of Large Commercial Jets : 25

Boeing's single-aisle figure is a new Jan-May company record.

So far this year Boeing has delivered 213 single-aisle jets which is the largest number the company has ever delivered in the first five months of a year. That figure is 26 more than by the end of May last year, helped along by 65 737 MAX deliveries. Airbus has so far delivered 172 single-aisles which is the company's lowest number of single-aisle deliveries by the end of May since 2011. The problem here has been a shortage of engines for the A320neo Family which means that dozens of engine-less aircraft have had to be parked.

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There ought to have been record numbers of single-aisle engine installs.

The record for Jan-May single-aisle engine installs was set in 2015 with a total of 794. The figure this year is six engines less but it should have been well over 800 and possibly approaching 860. While the problem of a shortage of engines for the A320neo Family has mostly been resolved, Airbus say that they will still deliver the planned number of single-aisle aircraft this year, though the Second Half will be very busy.

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