

Aerospace Market News

March 2018

The last time there were fewer deliveries by the end of February was in 2011.

There were 159 aircraft deliveries by the end of February, 10 fewer than last year, 14 fewer than in 2016 and 36 fewer than by the end of February 2015.

And, yes, 2018 will be another record production year.

Deliveries of Large Commercial Jets: Page 25.

Aerospace Market News : March 2018.

Summary Data : Aircraft. 3
Summary Data : Engines. 5

Industry Overview : 7

Orders have picked up but delivery numbers are still low.

By the end of February 118 aircraft had been ordered which is the largest Jan-Feb number since 2015. During February there were orders for 41 widebodies including 20 A380s and 21 Boeing freighters. The total of 41 widebodies is the largest number ordered in a single month since June last year and the largest for the month of February since 2013. However, deliveries of new aircraft are slow to the extent that the total so far is the lowest for the first two months of a year since 2011.

The Large Commercial Jet Aircraft Backlog : 11

The backlog is down and very few programs have had gains this year.

In February the backlog dropped by 37 aircraft. It had dropped by 45 aircraft in January. For a change though, the widebody aircraft backlog increased. It was only a six aircraft gain but it was the first since June last year. What made the difference was a reasonably large widebody order intake in February.

Single-aisle and Widebody Backlogs. 17

Orders for Large Commercial Jets : 21

The largest Jan-Feb order intake since 2015.

So far this year there have been gross orders for 118 aircraft. For a change, the widebody intake of 41 aircraft – all ordered in February – is the largest for the Jan-Feb period since 2013. It includes the first order for the A380 in nearly two years plus 21 freighters, all Boeing. The single-aisle order intake was the largest for the period since 2015 and the total gross figure is also the largest for the period since 2015.

Summary orders by month. 23

Deliveries of Large Commercial Jets : 25

The last time there were fewer deliveries was in 2011.

Widebody delivery numbers in the Jan-Feb period have been fairly constant for the past few years but single-aisle delivery numbers have been falling and this has brought total delivery numbers down. By the end of February this year there had been 159 new aircraft deliveries which is the lowest number for the first two months of a year since 2011.

Jan-Feb Aircraft Deliveries (2016-2018). 27

Summary deliveries by month. 28

Current Production Rates : 30

Aircraft Engines : 32

The firm order book stands at over 26,000 engines once again.

The number of engines on firm order increased by 50 in February taking the total to over 26,000 for the second time ever. What is very unusual about the order intake this year is that more widebody engines have been ordered than single-aisle engines and while the current widebody engine order book is larger than at the start of this year, the number of single-aisle engines on firm order is lower.

The Firm Jet Engine Order Book. 34

Single-aisle and Widebody engines on firm order. 36

Engine Orders. 46

Engine Installs. 47

Engine Programs : The Firm Order Books : 49

Appendices. 67

Philip G. Abbott, Editor & Publisher. amneditor@aol.com Telephone : UK 0208 542 3466
Aerospace Market News is published by Industry Research Group.
66 Westway, London SW20 9LU. United Kingdom. ISSN 1462-933x © Industry Research Group 2018