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Airbus / EADS

- **Deliveries:** Airbus reports deliveries of 34 aircraft in July (down from 49 in June), the delivery total for the year up to end of July stands at 288 aircraft.
- **Orders:** Airbus received 50 aircraft orders in July; the year's total stands at 140 orders (118 net orders after cancellations).
- **A320:** Airbus plans to fully assemble the successor to its A320 in Hamburg and split the assembly of larger aircraft among Germany and France in the mid-term, according to FTD.
- **A350:** The British government announces a loan to Airbus of 340 million pounds to develop the A350, saying it would create or sustain more than 1,200 jobs at British plants and over 5,000 within the supply chain.
- **A350:** Airbus announces it has finished building the second large test fuselage section.
- **A330:** Airbus delivers the 1000th aircraft of the A330/A340 family to Thai Airways.

Boeing

- **Deliveries:** Boeing delivered 33 aircraft in July; the year's total is 279 aircraft (January to August 4). This compares with 277 deliveries in the first seven months of last year.
- **Orders:** Boeing won 44 orders in July. It has booked 129 orders up to August 4 – 40 net, following 89 cancellations.
- **Vought:** Boeing announces the completion of the acquisition of the business and operations conducted by Vought Aircraft Industries at its South Carolina facility, where a key structure for the 787 Dreamliner is built.
- **787:** Boeing says work has stopped for more than a month on two sections of the middle fuselage because of manufacturing problems at Italian supplier Alenia Aeronautica, but is not expecting to be "a long time before work starts back up".

Other manufacturers

- **Rolls-Royce:** reports a 16.5% rise in first-half results, revenue rose 27% to 5.1 billion pounds. The company's order book increased by £2bn to a record £57.5bn (2008 year-end £55.5bn).
- **Embraer:** reports that earnings for the second quarter fell 49.5% to \$67.8 million compared to \$134.4 million in the year-ago period largely owing to fewer higher-value commercial aircraft deliveries.
- **Embraer:** a fifth Phenom 300 (the first with a completed interior) performed its first flight on 8 August. The airplane will now be used for function and reliability tests and the maturity campaign.
- **An-148:** Voronezh-based airframer VASO conducts the maiden flight of the first Russian-built Antonov An-148, destined for delivery to Rossiya.
- **Sukhoi:** announces that the third Superjet 100 prototype has arrived to the company's flight test center. It had performed its first flight on 25 July.

Aviation/Airlines

- **IATA:** says that international passenger travel numbers in June indicate "some stabilisation" in travel demand. Demand was down 7.1% compared to June 2008 but was an improvement on the 9.2% reduction seen in May.

- **Lufthansa:** the European Commission reaches an agreement with LH on the takeover of the Austrian Airlines Group. AAG says that the deal will likely be successfully concluded in August or September.
- **AF-KLM:** announces that it has withdrawn its bid for Czech Airlines, saying that the current economic environment has significantly impacted the airline business.
- **Emirates:** The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission accuses Emirates of conspiring to fix cargo rates and fuel surcharges on international flights from 2002 to 2006 and initiates legal action aimed at imposing financial penalties.
- **US airlines:** the US Air Transport Assn says schedules for October through December 2009 show 22% fewer domestic departures than in the same period in 2000, which amounts to approximately 6,600 fewer flights per day.

Airports

- **ACI Europe:** latest traffic figures reveal an overall decline of nearly -10% in passenger traffic during the first half of the year. Freight reported -23.7%.
- **Heathrow Airport:** BAA releases the latest design for the hub's new Terminal 2, future home for Star Alliance. The £1 billion terminal - part of the £2.2 billion 'Heathrow East' modernisation programme - will accommodate some 20 million passengers per year and construction of the first phase is due to be completed in 2013.

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