

Timeline 40 Years of Innovation

29 may 1969



The A300, the world's first twin-engine wide-body jet, is launched at the Paris air show. It is designed to carry up to 250 passengers in a comfortable two-class lay-out.

09 nov 1971

Air France orders the very first A300s. With six firm orders and ten options the French state carrier became the launch customer.



15 mar 1974

The A300 receives type certification under French and German airworthiness regulations including Cat II automatic approach and landing.



18 dec 1970



Airbus Industrie GIE (Grouping of Economic Interest under French law) is officially formed between Aerospatiale (France) and a grouping of Germany's leading aircraft manufacturing firms, later part of Deutsche Aerospace. VFW-Fokker (Netherlands) and Hawker Siddeley (GB) are also associated with the programme.

23 dec 1971

The Spanish aeronautical industry joins formally Airbus Industrie.



10 may 1974

Airbus delivers to Air France the very first A300B2 ordered in Toulouse.



28 oct 1972

The A300 takes off at 10:30 local time from the Toulouse airport for a mission lasting for one hour and 23 minutes.



02 may 1977

Frank Borman, former astronaut and President of Eastern Airlines, becomes the first American airline to commit to Airbus aircraft - leasing of four A300B4.



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06 jul **1978**

The A310, seating 218 passengers, is launched with the aim of offering airlines a smaller, longer-range alternative to the A300. Airbus launches a family of aircraft.



11 mar **1983**

The first Airbus aircraft with EFIS (Electronic Flight Instrumental System), the A310-200, receives certification from French and German airworthiness authorities.



05 jun **1987**

Airbus launches its long-range family of aircraft, the A330/A340.



06 oct **1981**

An A300 performs first flight with FFCC (Forward Facing Crew Cockpit). This was the first flight ever of a wide-bodied airliner with a two-man crew.



22 feb **1987**



Following a first flight of three hours and 23 minutes, the A320 becomes the first airliner to fly with full digital, computer-driven fly-by-wire controls and sidestick controllers.

01 jan **1979**

The British industry (British Aerospace) which had taken over Hawker Siddeley rejoins the consortium as a full partner with 20% stake in Airbus.



02 mar **1984**

Airbus announces the launch of the A320 programme.



25 oct **1991**

Airbus celebrates the first flight of the long range A340-300, the first Airbus aircraft to have four engines and the largest commercial airliner built outside the US.



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25 mar 1993

The 1,000th aircraft is delivered to Air France - a A340-300.



18 may 1999

Airbus delivers its 2,000th aircraft to Lufthansa - a A340-300.



03 aug 2001

Thirty years after its creation Airbus formally becomes a single integrated company, Airbus SAS.

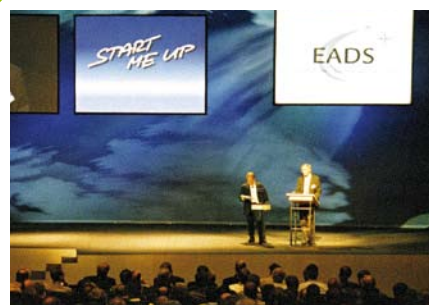


13 sep 1994



The A300-600 Super Transporter, which features the world's most voluminous cargo hold, performs its maiden flight. Airbus has today five A300-600STs to bring aircraft parts for assembly around Europe.

08 jul 2000



EADS is founded through the merger of Aerospaciale Matra (Paris), Construcciones Aeronáuticas S.A. (CASA, Madrid) and DaimlerChrysler Aerospace AG (Dasa, Munich). EADS owns 80% of Airbus while BAE SYSTEMS owns 20%.

19 jul 2002

3,000th aircraft is delivered to Jetblue Airways - a A320.



31 oct 1997

Twenty five years after the first flight of the first Airbus aircraft, Airbus passed the milestone of 2,500 firm orders for its aircraft family.



19 dec 2000

The A380, the world's first double-decker passenger aircraft and the largest commercial airliner ever conceived is launched.



27 apr 2005

The first A380 takes off from Blagnac international airport in Toulouse at 14.23 local time (12.23h GMT) and completes a successful first flight of three hours and 54 minutes.



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2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

09 sep 2005

Airbus delivers its 4,000th aircraft to Lufthansa - a A330-300.



13 dec 2007

Airbus delivers its 5,000th aircraft, an A330-200, to Qantas.



14 jan 2009

Airbus launches works on eco-efficient A350 XWB Final Assembly Line in Toulouse.



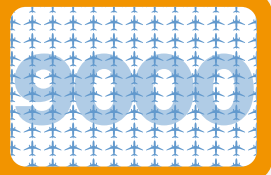
13 oct 2006

EADS acquires from BAE Systems its 20 percent stake in Airbus and becomes the sole owner of Airbus.



30 jul 2008

Airbus passes 9000th order mark, Airbus' order book tripled within 10 years.



31 mar 2009

Airbus records more than 400 customers and operators around the world.



30 oct 2007

Airbus opens the Airbus Engineering Centre India in Bangalore which focuses on the development of advanced capabilities in the areas of Modelling & Simulation as well as in applications on aircraft.



28 sep 2008

The first Airbus Final Assembly Line outside Europe is inaugurated in Tianjin, China.



15 apr 2009

Airbus integrates over 5000 MTAD colleagues into the Airbus Family that now covers two huge business areas, the military (Airbus Military) and civil (Airbus) markets.



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