

Materials Procurement

Materials Procurement purchases all raw materials for the wing manufacturing at Airbus in the UK. The Metals section is managed on an international scale to meet the required demand; there is, therefore, a great deal of interaction with buyers in France and Germany to guarantee each part of Airbus has sufficient metal at the best price.

The Operations team places orders with suppliers and works to guarantee timely delivery into the Airbus' manufacturing sites in the UK. The team will also seek to resolve any problems that may arise, such as, late deliveries, poor quality material, etc.

The New Product Introduction team is currently working on A380 and A400M projects to make sure design engineers and production lines have all the metals needed to carry out testing, prototyping and first production aircraft. Within the same department, there are teams who cover the purchasing of composite materials, which are becoming more and more widespread on the aircraft build.