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SAMPLE OF PRECISION TURBINES AVAILABLE ENGINE INVENTORY

ENGINE	TSN	CSN	TSO	REMAINING	STATUS
JT15D-1A/B					
PCE77459	2410	2173	N/A	650HRS	Sale/Lease
PCE76590	8544	7688	2769	731 HRS	Sale
PCE76591	8516	7580	2667	833 HRS	Sale
PCE76513	9523	7601	1817	1683 HRS	Sale TSHSI 20 HRS
PCE76495	9433	7569	970	2530 HRS	Sale
PCE76260	7626	6974	2009	1491 HRS	Sale TSHSI 315 HRS
ENGINE					
JT15D-4B					
PCE102126	8030.7	6989	222.7	1277.3 HRS	Sale
PCE102092	5413	4452	1916	1584 HRS	Sale
PCE102130	5413	4452	1925	1575 HRS	Sale
PCE102281	6802.8	6991	3377.6	122.4 HRS	For Lease

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PILOT RETURNS TO CALIF. AFTER 10-YEAR JOURNEY IN CESSNA

Pilot Robert Gannon has flown his Cessna 182 to 155 countries and all of the states in the U.S. Gannon has spent the past 10 years flying his plane to see the world, but now has returned to San Diego. "I was approaching my 50th birthday and wanted one big adventure before settling down," said Gannon..[Read More](#)

BOEING 787 IS BACK IN THE AIR TODAY

The Boeing Co.'s fourth flight test 787 was back in the air today. This is only the second time since Boeings Dec 23 announcements that the 787 would resume flight test activities that the Dreamliner has been in the air..[Read More](#)

AMERICAN AIRLINES TAKES A 'SLOW AND STEADY' APPROACH TO COMPETITION

The airline has been criticized for shunner mergers as United and Delta surged past it. American's top executives have instead focused on strengthening its ties to foreign partners and improving customer service..[Read More](#)

AIRLINE EXCLUDED FROM NTSB PROBE

American Airlines will not be allowed to participate in the investigation of last week's runway-overflow incident in Jackson Hole, Wyo., the NTSB said on Friday. The safety board said airline technicians violated standard procedures when they downloaded information from the digital flight data recorder after it was removed from the incident aircraft, a 757..[Read More](#)

CHARTER COMPANIES BENEFIT AS AIRLINES TRIM FIRST CLASS

As commercial airlines cut back on first-class seating and eliminate routes to smaller markets, private air charter companies are becoming a more attractive option for business travelers, according to a report from Air Partner. "First-class passengers and business travelers are finding that the convenience they once experienced flying commercially has disappeared," the report notes, adding that a glut of private aircraft is helping to drive down the price of charters..[Read More](#)

VIDEO: 757 OVERRUN VIDEO IGNITES PILOT SPECULATION

Video shot by a passenger aboard American Airlines Flight 2253 as it overran Runway 19 at Jackson Hole, Wednesday, shows unusual operation of the aircraft's systems, according to some pilots. The 6,300-foot runway sits at an elevation of 6,451 feet and the pilots landed in light snow at about 11:37 a.m. About seven inches of snow had fallen in the area since midnight, but the runway itself was reportedly in good condition with good braking coefficients. The aircraft appears to be on the ground prior to passing the PAPI lights and wind sock, which would be appropriate. In the video, the engine's thrust reverser panel first moves just after touchdown, but it does not fully open and the outboard spoilers are not visibly deployed. Because of that, thing..[Read More](#)

CARRIERS CONFIRM PRICE INCREASES ON MANY DOMESTIC ROUTES

Several airlines have recently increased fares by \$10 for one-way tickets and by \$20 for round-trip tickets. Some analysts noted that the fare increases were caused by the rising cost of fuel, one of the airlines' largest costs. Fuel prices are expected to climb in 2011..[Read More](#)

BUSINESS AVIATION OUTLOOK IMPROVES FOR 2011

The outlook for business aviation in 2011 shows "more solid and positive" economic indicators, according to National Business Aviation Association President and CEO Ed Bolen. Positive indicators for 2011 include the depreciation bill signed into law last month, as well as an uptick in business for charters and some manufacturers during the fourth quarter of 2010..[Read More](#)

SNOW PUTS THREE-HOUR RULE TO TEST

A new rule penalizes carriers for leaving passengers stuck in aircraft on the ground for more than three hours, but egregious snow storms Tuesday left 28 flights at JFK stuck on the ground away from the gate -- one for nearly 11 hours. Snowfall in the New York City area reportedly exceeded rates recorded for the last six decades. The rule enacted this April states that airlines can be fined up to \$27,500 per passenger when delays keep passengers stuck on an aircraft on the ground for more than three hours, but there are exceptions..[Read More](#)

IPADS BECOME HANDY NEW COCKPIT TOOL FOR PILOTS

The Federal Aviation Administration insists pilots rely on traditional paper charts while flying, but it recently approved the iPad as a secondary tool for in-flight cockpit computations. A growing number of tech-savvy pilots are making the tablets cockpit must-haves. "I knew it would come. I saw it coming. I have the worldwide charts on the iPad right now," said general aviation pilot Jeff Curl..[Read More](#)

PIPER AIRCRAFT PRODUCTIONS SOARS IN 2010

Piper Aircraft in Vero Beach, Fla., announced an increase in production activity of more than 75% for 2010 compared with the prior year. The company also ramped up hiring, adding more than 140 engineers to its payroll..[Read More](#)

BOEINGS 747-8 UNDERGOES "EXTREME" TESTS

Since its first flight back in February, Boeing's biggest-ever aircraft, the 747-8, has been undergoing intensive flight testing, some of which is quite extreme. "Some people may even call it abusive," says Mark Feuerstein, Boeing's chief test pilot for the big freighter. "It certainly requires a lot of forethought to execute some of the maneuvers." One of the more challenging tests requires the crew to drag the airplane's tail along a runway, which is somewhat tricky. "It's a balance between..[Read More](#)

BOMBARDIER LANDS SALES OF \$285 MILLION AT MEBA

Bombardier achieved a breakthrough sale for its new Global 7000 when Comlux The Aviation Group signed a contract for two of the ultra-long-range jets at last month's

Middle East Business Aviation convention in Dubai. It was the first of two deals signed at the show by Bombardier, which left Dubai with at least \$285 million in new business. Comlux selected..[Read More](#)

AMERICAN GETS THE YEAR OFF TO A QUICK START IN UNION NEGOTIATIONS

For the first time since May, American Airlines is meeting with its flight attendants union in federally mediated talks this week. Similar sessions are scheduled for next week with unions representing pilots and mechanics. Flight attendant talks were halted for months, pending the outcome of contract votes by several work groups represented by the Transport Workers Union..[Read More](#)

HAWKER BEECHCRAFT TO STAY IN WICHITA

Hawker Beechcraft and the state of Kansas reached an agreement late last month that will keep the airframer in Wichita for at least the next decade. In return for HBC maintaining its current production lines and retaining at least 4,000 jobs over the next 10 years, the state offered a \$40 million incentive package that includes \$30 million over the next..[Read More](#)

AA LAUNCHES FUEL-SAVING INITIATIVE

American has offered financial incentives to dispatchers who meet fuel-savings goals, but the APA says that could undermine the role of pilots, who are required to sign off on a plane's fuel level prior to flight..[Read More](#)

DELTA RETIRES THE LAST DC-9-41S AND THE NORTHWEST BRAND

Delta Air Lines (Atlanta) retired the last McDonnell Douglas DC-9-41 on January 2 and thus also retired the Northwest Airlines Brand.

DIRECT CONNECT BRINGS AIRLINES CLOSER TO PRODUCT DIFFERENTIATION

Airline stocks "would be clear winners" if American Airlines prevails in its battle with global distribution systems, writes columnist Liam Denning, who sees the GDS structure as a throwback to an earlier time. "Before widespread adoption of the Internet, building a GDS or paying for usage was a necessity. Today, it looks like another cost that can be cut," he writes. Even if the current system survives, GDS operators will likely have to negotiate more favorable contracts with the airlines..[Read More](#)

HONDAJET ACHIEVES FLIGHT MILESTONE

Honda Aircraft Company announced late last month that it completed the first flight of an FAA-conforming HondaJet. The light jet took off for a 51-minute flight on December 20, from the company's headquarters facility at Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro, N.C. "We are encouraged by our initial review of the flight data, which..[Read More](#)

ICAO SEES "SUBSTANTIAL" GROWTH

ICAO estimates scheduled pax traffic (PKPs) rose 8% in 2010 vs 2009, while capacity rose 3.7%; member state airlines carried about 2.5b pax, up 6.3%..[Read More](#)

RE-ENGINEED BEECHJET NEARS CERTIFICATION

Nextant Aerospace said last month that it completed R&D flight testing for the 400XT, a remanufactured Beechjet 400A/Hawker 400XP with Williams FJ44-3AP engines and Rockwell Collins Pro Line 21 avionics. The flight-test aircraft is undergoing final configuration changes and FAA conformity at Nextant's Cleveland facilities in preparation for the..[Read More](#)

787 PRICE PUSH REVEALS CHANGING MESSAGE

The push to regain pricing power on the baseline 787-8, which aims to cut its fuel burn by 20% compared with today's 767, is evident in the aircraft's changing list price, which debuted in August 2005 on Boeing's website for \$125-135 million..[Read More](#)

JETNET: USED AIRCRAFT TRANSACTIONS CLIMBING

Sales transactions of pre-owned business jets and turboprops, as well as turbine helicopters, posted healthy increases from a year ago, according to data released by business aviation information firm JetNet. From January through October 31, business jet sales transactions climbed by 16 percent, followed by turbine helicopters (up 15.2 percent) and..[Read More](#)

CONTINENTAL CAN'T MARKET FLIGHTS ON 70-SEAT JETS, ARBITRATOR RULES

A federal arbitrator has ruled that Continental Airlines may not use the Continental code on 70-seat regional jets flown by United Express due to a contract clause that stipulates only Continental pilots may fly larger regional aircraft. Continental had planned to put its CO code on new United Express routes from Houston and Newark starting this week. "Although we disagree with the arbitrator's decision, we will comply with the ruling," a Continental spokeswoman said..[Read More](#)

ATC ERRORS UP 51% IN 2010, BUT ACCIDENTS REMAIN AT ALL-TIME LOW
Mistakes by air traffic controllers increased 51% in 2010 as the FAA seeks software upgrades for collision warning systems on more than 9,000 aircraft. Critics say the spike in ATC errors is the result of insufficient training for new employees brought in to cope with an expected wave of retirements, but FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt has stressed that commercial airline fatalities remain near an all-time low and that the U.S. has an "incredibly safe system." FAA officials also contend that the higher mistake statistics are the result of a new initiative that encourages controllers to self-report their errors without fear of reprisals..[Read More](#)

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