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SAMPLE OF PRECISION TURBINES AVAILABLE ENGINE INVENTORY

ENGINE	TSN	CSN	TSO	REMAINING	STATUS
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JT15D-1A/B

PCE77459	2410	2173	N/A	650HRS	Sale/Lease
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PCE76513	9523	7601	1817	1683 HRS	Sale TSHSI 20 HRS
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PCE76495	9433	7569	970	2530 HRS	Sale
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ENGINE

JT15D-4B

PCE102281	6802.8	6991	3377.6	122.4 HRS	For Lease
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ATTEMPTED COCKPIT BREACH ABOARD AA FLIGHT 1561

As widely reported in the news media, a 28-year-old male individual with a Yemeni passport and U.S. green card attempted to breach the cockpit of American Airlines Flight 1561 on Sunday, May 8. The ORD-SFO flight was about 25 minutes from landing when the incident occurred. An off-duty American Airlines pilot who was riding in the cabin of the 737, assisted by a retired San Mateo, Calif. police officer and a former federal officer, helped to subdue the individual.

STEALTH BLACKHAWK USED IN BIN LADEN RAID?

click for photos Images of what appears to be the tail rotor of one the helicopters used in Sunday's raid on Osama bin Laden's compound at Abbottabad, Pakistan, are

hitting the internet, and may be a glimpse at something special. The parts don't appear to come from the standard military catalogue. According to the Army Times, the..[Read More](#)

#### SCALED'S LATEST: PILOT-OPTIONAL SPYPLANE

The latest design from Scaled Composites, a military reconnaissance aircraft that can fly with or without a pilot, was unveiled on Monday by Northrop Grumman, Scaled's parent company. The aircraft, called Firebird, took about a year to develop and has already flown several times at the Mojave spaceport. It was one of the last designs to be overseen by Scaled founder Burt Rutan before he retired last month. The airplane features several innovative systems, such as an internal payload bay that..[Read More](#)

#### BOEING TO START DELIVERING 787 JETS IN THIRD QUARTER

Randy Tinseth, vice president for marketing at Boeing, said the company will deliver the first 787s in the third quarter of this year. Boeing has received requests for its 787 jets from 56 companies. Tinseth made the comments in Chile, as Latin America is a particularly important market for Boeing..[Read More](#)

#### AIR FRANCE CEO SAYS COCKPIT VOICE RECORDER ALSO RECOVERED

The chief executive officers at Airbus and Air France-KLM say they hope the data on the flight recorders recently recovered from the June 2009 flight that plunged into the Atlantic Ocean will help provide a cause for the incident. "We are excited by the news and we hope that the data is still readable," said Airbus CEO Tom Enders..[Read More](#)

#### PIPER REPORTS REVENUE JUMP OF MORE THAN 40% FOR Q1

Piper Aircraft reported aircraft billings for the first quarter of \$26.2 million, a jump of more than 40% from the same quarter last year. Piper spokeswoman Jackie Carlon said the increase in revenue reflected "some really good planning for what the market could absorb." Piper delivered seven Meridian turboprops, which sell for more than \$2 million, during the first quarter..[Read More](#)

#### BOEING'S TAKEOFF TORTURE TEST

What happens when you slam on the brakes on a fully loaded Boeing 747-8 at 200 mph with the brake pads worn to bare metal? Not much, it turns out, and that's a good thing. Boeing has released an interesting video of an example of the kind of torture their test planes go through. In this case, the occasion was a worst-case-scenario, maximum-performance rejected takeoff..[Read More](#)

#### FAA APPROVES ROLLS-ROYCE ENGINE TO BE USED IN DREAMLINER

Rolls-Royce Group announced that the Federal Aviation Administration has granted its Trent 1000 engine, which will be used in Boeing's new 787 Dreamliner, an Extended Operations certification. The engine will allow the Dreamliner to fly longer routes..[Read More](#)

## ENDEAVOUR LAUNCH PUSHED BACK AGAIN

NASA managers have retargeted space shuttle Endeavour's launch to no earlier than Monday, May 16. After a meeting on Friday, they also extended the length of Endeavour's STS-134 mission to the International Space Station from 14 to 16 days. If Endeavour launches on May 16, liftoff would be at 0856 EDT. Kennedy technicians are continuing work to resolve an issue in a heater circuit associated with Endeavour's hydraulic system that resulted in the launch postponement..[Read More](#)

## ST. LOUIS TAX COLLECTOR TARGETS AIRCRAFT

St. Louis County, Mo.'s tax department is targeting aircraft owners in an enforcement campaign aimed at collecting what may be millions of dollars in back property taxes. "We intend to recoup revenue that was owed to this county and has not been paid," Jake Zimmerman, the county's newly-elected tax assessor..[Read More](#)

## LAHOOD, BABBITT CALL FOR LONG-TERM FUNDING FOR FAA

Aviation is an economic engine for America. It adds \$1.3 trillion to our economy. It accounts for more than 11.5 million jobs and \$396 billion in wages. These are good jobs that Americans have the skills to achieve. The FAA forecasts significant growth in aviation over the next two decades, as the number of passengers on U.S. airlines increases by about 75 percent from today's levels. In the next 10 years, we expect to reach the milestone of 1 billion passengers annually. We are in the middle of an ambitious effort to transform the nation's aviation system to meet the needs of the future. We have to do the long-term planning to accommodate this growth - and build the infrastructure to handle the Next Generation air traffic system.

## SOUTHWEST COMPLETES AIRTRAN DEAL: OPERATIONS INITIALLY REMAIN SEPARATE

Southwest Airlines is starting to emerge as one of the largest players in the airline industry following its acquisition of AirTran Airways, which was completed Monday. The carrier has made several changes, including serving a number of larger cities and overhauling its frequent-flier program. However, Southwest initially will retain AirTran's practices of bag fees and seat assignments..[Read More](#)

## DELTA EXPANDS CODE-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH VIRGIN BLUE

Delta Air Lines and Virgin Blue Airlines Group are expanding their code-sharing agreement. The deal allows Delta to offer additional destinations in Australia and New Zealand. It also allows Virgin Blue customers to connect via Los Angeles to more U.S. destinations on Delta flights..[Read More](#)

## EXPEDITED SCREENING CLEARS 41,000 PILOTS SO FAR THIS YEAR

### Commercial Biometric Screening Service Gaining Momentum

The nation's first biometric security screening service for airline crewmembers accessed more than 41,000 times between January and March of this year, allowing Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) to identify commercial airline pilots and send them directly to their flights..[Read More](#)

## PLAN WOULD ALLOW FREQUENT FLIERS TO PASS THROUGH EXPEDITED SCREENING

The Transportation Security Administration may eventually use data from airlines' frequent-flier programs to identify "trusted travelers" who would be allowed to leave their shoes on and avoid body scanners as they pass through security checkpoints. Under the program, which the TSA is still developing, a bar code on the traveler's boarding pass would indicate his or her status as a trusted traveler, TSA Administrator John Pistole said..[Read More](#)

## EMBRAER REPORTS 257% SURGE IN QUARTERLY PROFIT

Brazilian aircraft maker Embraer reported a 257% increase in consolidated income for the first quarter compared with the same quarter last year. The company cited cost controls and tax credits as helping to boost profits. However, the country's strong currency hindered revenue. "The gains (in the currency) posed an additional challenge to the management of Embraer's expenses structure," according to the company..[Read More](#)

## NORTHROP GRUMMAN UNVEILS NEWEST 'FIREBIRD' INTEL GATHERING AIRCRAFT SYSTEM

May 09 - SAN DIEGO, May 9, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Military users will be able to get real-time high-definition video, view infrared imagery, use radar and even listen in on communications signals - all at the same time - using a new intelligence-gathering aircraft system unveiled..[Read More](#)

## AIR FORCE GROUNDS F-22

Stars And Stripes reported Friday that all 137 F-22 Raptors have been grounded over concerns about the aircraft's oxygen system that may stem in part from a November fatal crash in Alaska. Following the November crash, the stealthy fighter jet has been restricted to altitudes of 25,000 and below. Officials say the restriction is..[Read More](#)

## RESERVE TANKER CREW 1ST OPERATIONAL CREW TO REFUEL F-35

What started out as a routine mission for Airmen from the Air Force Reserve Command's 916th Air Refueling Wing turned into an historic 'first in flight' moment recently. Flying a KC-135R Stratotanker, a flight crew and a maintenance crew from the wing's 911th Air Refueling Squadron thought they were headed to California to support training and airlift for other wings..[Read More](#)

## PRATT & WHITNEY DELIVERS FIRST F135 ENGINE FOR LOW RATE INITIAL PRODUCTION LOT 3

EAST HARTFORD, Conn., May 6, 2011 - Pratt & Whitney has delivered the first F135 engine for low rate initial production (LRIP) 3 to the U.S. Government for the F-35 Lightning II program. F135 engines in LRIP 3 meet established affordability targets and include engine modifications..[Read More](#)

## AVINODE DEMAND INDEX UP

This week's Avinode Business Intelligence report shows trip demand across Europe up 2.53% this week, and average price per hour..[Read More](#)

## WILLIAMS' SERVICE CENTER TO OPEN IN SCANDINAVIA

Aircraft engine manufacturer Williams International has chosen European Maintenance Service (EMS), located at Säve Airport in..[Read More](#)

## BROKER PREDICTS PRICING RECOVERY IN BUSINESS JET MARKET

Demand From International Markets Expected To Help Reduce Select Inventories  
There is clear evidence of a return to a more stable pricing environment for long range and large business jets, according to business aircraft broker Jetcraft Corporation. Jahid Fazal-Karim, Co-Owner and Board Member, says there has been a significant reduction in the gap between buyer and seller price expectations, due in part to the reduction of distressed assets that flooded the market in late 2008..[Read More](#)

## BABBITT: BUDGET CUTS ARE AT TIPPING POINT

FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said Thursday that FAA budget cuts may endanger both the agency's ability to oversee "the world's safest aviation system" and may in fact stunt the very economic growth austere budgets are designed to create. Speaking at the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators symposium in Atlanta, Babbitt said safety oversight isn't the only concern. "I'm not going to put safety in a backseat to anything, but then what we do with the other programs?..[Read More](#)

## AIR FRANCE 447: HOW SCIENTISTS FOUND A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK

Last weekend, investigators announced that they had recovered the flight data recorder from the wreckage of Air France 447-a jetliner that crashed in the deep Atlantic two years ago. But, while the discovery of the data recorder is recent, the story of how Flight 447 was found goes back a month..[Read More](#)

## A400M ENGINE ACHIEVES EASA CERTIFICATION

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has granted a type certificate to EPI Europrop International(EPI) for the TP400-D6 engine that powers the A400M military transport aircraft. It is the first large turboprop engine to have been certified by EASA, and the first military engine to have been certified by EASA to civil standards from the outset..[Read More](#)

## AIG PUSHES AIRBUS PAST BOEING IN JET SALES

A \$9 billion, 100-plane order from the leasing arm of U.S. insurance group AIG (AIG.N) has lifted Airbus above Boeing Co (BA.N) in new jetliner sales this year, putting pressure on the EADS (EAD.PA) unit rival to clarify its next plane design..[Read More](#)

## HAWKER BEECHCRAFT IS ORDERED TO PAY AIRBUS \$14.2M

Hawker Beechcraft must pay \$14.2 million to Airbus over a lost revenue dispute. The International Chamber of Commerce made the ruling after Airbus complained that a

Hawker Beechcraft reduction in the number of shipsets of fuselages, wings, track kits and spare parts cost Airbus revenue. Airbus had originally asked for \$60 million..[Read More](#)

**SPECULATION MOUNTS OVER COPTER THAT CRASHED IN BIN LADEN RAID**  
During the raid on Osama bin Laden's hideout in Pakistan, a U.S. helicopter crashed. Photos of the helicopter have prompted speculation about whether the military modified the aircraft to fly quietly and appear less visible to radar. Some are expressing concerns that the crashed helicopter could offer clues about sensitive technology to hostile governments..[Read More](#)

**SPACESHIP FROM VIRGIN GALACTIC PASSES GLIDE TEST FLIGHT**  
Virgin Galactic's private spaceship tested the feathered system it will use when it re-enters the Earth's atmosphere. Virgin Galactic, which is backed by founder Richard Branson, has conducted seven glide tests on its SpaceShipTwo..[Read More](#)

**US AIRWAYS CONTINUES TO DRAW MERGER SPECULATION**  
US Airways remains the subject of merger speculation in the airline industry a year after its discussions about a combination with United Airlines ended. Chief Executive Officer Doug Parker has mentioned consolidation twice in the past month. However, in a recent interview, Parker declined to speculate on a potential merger partner for the airline and also noted that the carrier would remain financially viable on its own..[Read More](#)

**HAWKER BEECHCRAFT: GA DELIVERIES UP**  
In first-quarter reports released this week, Hawker Beechcraft reported aircraft deliveries in its business and general aviation segments were up compared to the same period last year, but revenues were down. Hawker said it delivered 45 business and GA aircraft in the first quarter 2011, compared to 34 in the first quarter 2010. "We are coming off of a solid 2010 and our momentum into 2011 is encouraging," said CEO Bill Boisture..[Read More](#)

**SOUTHWEST'S KELLY EXPAINS PLANS FOR AIRTRAN, D/FW AIRPORT**  
Southwest Airlines recently closed on its merger with AirTran. Now, Gary Kelly, president and CEO at Southwest, said he can start directing AirTran on its next moves, which includes ending service to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. "We'll want to do it an orderly fashion, and do it in a way that accommodates the needs of everyone involved ...," Kelly said. In addition, Southwest announced its staffing interim reorganization as a result of the merger..[Read More](#)

**DELTA IS OFFERING EARLY RETIREMENT, BUYOUT PACKAGES**  
Delta Air Lines says it will trim its workforce to offset the rising cost of doing business. It is offering early retirement and other buyout packages to eligible workers. "In order for our business to thrive, we must think of the current high [oil] prices as a permanent reality of our business,"..[Read More](#)

## SULLY TO CONGRESS: BE CAREFUL WITH FAA CUTS

Retired captain Chesley Sullenberger warned in an interview published Thursday by the DailyBeast.com that cuts to FAA funding may have an impact on safety and that the government should be forthcoming about potential consequences. According to Sullenberger, cuts could translate to..[Read More](#)

## BOEING OFFERS DETAILS ABOUT RECENT ORDERS

Boeing said it received orders for four planes in the past week -- two 777s for American Airlines and a 737 and a 767 from unidentified customers. Boeing also noted that American Airlines previously bought one widebody 777 that was attributed to an unidentified buyer. Korean Air was also identified as the customer on two previously announced 777 purchases..[Read More](#)

## AMERICAN TO TEST AIRCELL VIDEO SYSTEM

American Airlines said Tuesday it will be the first North American airline to test the new in-flight streaming video product from Aircell that will allow passengers to wirelessly stream content such as movies and TV shows from an in-flight library to their personal Wi-Fi-enabled devices during flight..[Read More](#)

## CONTAMINATED FUEL FOUND AT TEL AVIV BEN-GURION AIRPORT

Most Departing Flights Grounded

Departures from Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion International Airport largely ground to a halt Thursday after a routine check found fuel supplies had been contaminated, according to an airport spokesperson..[Read More](#)

## NASA's CHARLES BOLDEN COMMEMORATES 50 YEARS OF U.S. HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT

"Today We Celebrate A First -- And We Celebrate The Future"

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden (pictured) issued a statement Thursday about the 50th anniversary of United States human spaceflight. On that date in 1961, Alan Shepard became the first American to fly in space, which Bolden says set our nation on a path of exploration and discovery that continues to this day..[Read More](#)

## HE BUILT A 737 COCKPIT IN HIS HOUSE?

When Salvador Alvarez Patuel's beloved wife asked him to cut down on real-world flying, he accommodated her ... and built a substantially accurate Boeing 737 flight deck/simulator in his house. To be clear, what Patuel built may be just as impressive as a functioning mock-up of a Boeing 737 cockpit as it is a flight simulator. Patuel is a principal application development manager for Microsoft and has held a private pilot certificate for 15 years..[Watch Video](#)

## RNZ AIR FORCE WELCOMES UPGRADED P-3K2 ORION

Airplane Will "Transform The Fleet," Vice Marshal Says

The Royal New Zealand Air Force has accepted the first upgraded P-3K2 Orion from the Ministry of Defence during a short ceremony at Air Force Base Whenuapai. Chief of Air Force Air Vice-Marshal Peter Stockwell said the upgraded aircraft represents a

significant advance in technology and will introduce a fundamental change to the capability of No. 5 Squadron as they transition from their traditional role as a Maritime Patrol Force to an Airborne Surveillance and Response Force..[Read More](#)

## CIVIL AIR PATROL TO HONOR AMERICA'S VETERANS

### Participating Again In The "Wreaths Across America" Program

For the second straight year, Civil Air Patrol, in conjunction with Wreaths Across America (WAA), will observe National Military and Veterans Appreciation Month with "Thank You For Your Service" cards for veterans who served in the U.S. armed forces. The observance begins on May 1 and continues through Memorial Day..[Read More](#)

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