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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
PCE76513	9523	7601	1817	1683 HRS	Sale TSHSI 20 HRS
PCE76495	9433	7569	970	2530 HRS	Sale

ENGINE

JT15D-4B

PCE102281	6802.8	6991	3377.6	122.4 HRS	For Lease
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AIR FRANCE CRASH RAISES QUESTIONS, IS EXPECTED TO PROMPT CHANGES

A report into the 2009 Air France crash into the Atlantic Ocean is shedding light on what happened and is expected to lead to changes in the airline industry's training procedures. The pilots of Flight 447 appeared to have been confused by stall warnings and airspeed indications that fluctuated wildly. The pilots continued to pull back on the controls as the plane plunged toward the ocean..[Read More](#)

FIRST MAJOR DOMESTIC AIRLINE REPLACES FLIGHT MANUALS WITH IPADS  
Alaska Airlines Pilots Replace 25 Pounds Of Paper With 1.5 Pound Tablet

As part of an ongoing effort to use technology to enhance flight safety, improve efficiency and protect the environment, Alaska Airlines is issuing iPads to its pilots. The 1 1/2-pound iPads replace up to 25 pounds of paper flight manuals that pilots are required to carry when they fly..[Read More](#)

#### HONOR FLIGHT S.C.'S FLIGHTS A TRIBUTE TO WWII HEROES, FOUNDER SAYS

Honor Flight South Carolina has flown more than 1,200 World War II veterans from the state to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. "We have had many memorable experiences," said Bill Dukes, who founded the South Carolina chapter of the nonprofit..[Read More](#)

#### SUCCESSFUL MISSION CAPPED BY EARLY-MORNING TOUCHDOWN

Space shuttle Endeavor and its six-astronaut crew sailed home for the final time, ending a 16-day journey of more than 6.5 million miles with a landing at 0234 EDT on Wednesday at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. STS-134 was the last mission for the youngest of NASA's space shuttle fleet. Since 1992, Endeavor flew 25 missions, spent 299 days in space, orbited Earth 4,671 times and traveled 122,883,151 miles..[Read More](#)

#### B777-300ER VALUES CONTINUE TO CREEP UPWARDS BUT REALISM STILL PREVAILS

The year to date has seen sustained demand for the most popular of widebodies, the B777-300ER, and values have inevitably continued to increase but there remains a need to retain a measure of reality in view of longer term prospects for the type. For the first four months of 2011, Boeing reined in..[Read More](#)

#### SOUTHWEST TO CONTINUE AIRTRAN'S DFW SERVICE UNTIL NOV. 21

Southwest Airlines said it would continue AirTran's scheduled service at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport for several months. Southwest, which recently acquired AirTran, must stop DFW service Nov. 21 or give up gates at Dallas Love Field under the Wright Amendment compromise of 2006..[Read More](#)

#### STUDENTS DEVELOP BRAIN-WAVE-CONTROLLED FLIGHT SIMULATOR

A team of engineering students at Northeastern University in Boston have developed a system that allows a pilot to operate a flight simulator with brain waves. The pilot exerts control of a simulated airplane by looking at specific points on an array of LEDs mounted on plexiglass in front of a television screen. "Typically, a pilot has a joystick and a throttle and those allow him or her to do a myriad of things..[Read More](#)

BUSINESS JETS ARE BACK IN THE AIR AFTER RECESSION GROUNDED MANY JSSI, which arranges maintenance for many corporate aircraft, said that flight hours have been increasing over the past couple of months. Analysts have also noted that business jet travel is on the rise, although it remains down from its peak. "We are not back to late '07, early '08 levels, but we're really off the bottom of where we were..[Read More](#)

## ALASKA AIR BANS INTERNET ACCESS WHILE IN THE COCKPIT

Alaska Airlines has distributed iPads to its pilots, but interference with Honeywell Phase 3 display units has prompted the carrier to forbid the pilots from accessing the Internet while in the cockpit. An Alaska spokeswoman confirmed that Internet access in the flight deck is prohibited in accordance with guidance from the Federal Aviation Administration..[Read More](#)

## BOEING CALLS PROBLEM WITH 777 LANDING GEAR A 'WORKMANSHIP ISSUE'

Landing gear on a new 777 jet had been improperly installed, forcing an emergency landing during a test flight last month. Boeing and the Federal Aviation Administration are looking into the problem. Debbie Heathers, a Boeing spokeswoman, said it was a problem with the way mechanics adjusted the landing gear. "It is a workmanship issue..[Read More](#)

## FEDEX EXPRESS EXPECTS MOMENTUM IN CARGO SECTOR TO REMAIN SOLID

David Bronczek, chief executive officer at FedEx Express, is optimistic about the cargo sector. "The momentum we see in the air cargo sector is strong. We see it coming strong out of Asia-Pacific, of course, led by China," Bronczek said, noting that he expects the trend to continue as long as the price of oil doesn't "throw a wrench in the works..[Read More](#)

## NAVY NAMES NEXT AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS JOHN F. KENNEDY

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced Sunday the next Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carrier will be named the USS John F. Kennedy. The selection John F. Kennedy, designated CVN 79, honors the 35th President of the United States and pays tribute to his service in the Navy, in the government, and to the nation..[Read More](#)

## GE AVIATION EXEC IS NAMED PRESIDENT OF CESSNA

GE Aviation executive Scott A. Ernest has been appointed president and CEO of Cessna Aircraft, Textron Chairman and CEO Scott Donnelly announced to Cessna employees May 31. "We at AOPA look forward to working with Scott Ernest in his new role as president and CEO of Cessna Aircraft..[Read More](#)

## SWEDISH COMPANY ORDERS 10 CSERIES JETS FROM BOMBARDIER

Braathens Leasing of Sweden has ordered five CS100 and five CS300 aircraft from Bombardier, ending the aviation company's order drought for its new CSeries jets. Bombardier also said that it is in "advanced" negotiations with other potential customers..[Read More](#)

## AIR FRANCE 447: WAS IT A DEEP STALL?

The release of preliminary flight data and cockpit voice recorder data from the miraculously recovered "black boxes" of Air France Flight 447 opened the floodgates of press and online discussion. Amid all this chatter, the term "deep stall" often popped up..[Read More](#)

## GA GROUPS CHALLENGE BARR CHANGE

The Transportation Department's recent decision to dismantle the BARR (Block Aircraft Registration Request) program, which allows aircraft operators to block identifying data from public flight-tracking systems, now faces a legal challenge from general aviation advocacy groups. NBAA, AOPA, and EAA said..[Read More](#)

## AMERICAN AIRLINES SAYS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL DEMAND LIFTS TRAFFIC

International traffic at American Airlines jumped 4.9% in May as the carrier boosted capacity for international flights by 6.1%. The increase in international traffic offset a 0.9% decrease in domestic traffic for the month. Overall, American Airlines traffic grew by 1.3% for May..[Read More](#)

## FALCON 7X TRIM RUNAWAY UPDATE-DETAILS OF WILD RIDE EMERGE

Dassault Falcon Jet has released new information about the trim runaway incident last week that precipitated the grounding of the fleet of the company's flagship Falcon 7X tri-jets. The airplane - Falcon declined to identify the operator - was on its way in to Malaysia descending through 12,000 feet when the airplane began an un-commanded climb. The pilots were not able to resume control of the airplane until it had climbed to 22,000 feet, a Dassault spokesman..[Read More](#)

## GULFSTREAM G650 FLIGHT TESTING RESUMES TWO MONTHS AFTER FATAL CRASH

Gulfstream has resumed flight testing of its G650 business jet nearly two months after the crash of a test aircraft during takeoff at Roswell, New Mexico, that killed all four Gulfstream employees on board..[Read More](#)

## ECLIPSE SELLS OUT INTEGRATED FLIGHT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (IFMS) UPGRADE

Eclipse Aerospace said Monday it has "sold out" of slots in its Avio IFMS completion program. Over 100 customers have placed firm, non-refundable deposits to participate in the program, which is now sold out through March of 2012. This program installs the fully integrated Avio flight management system in the Eclipse Jet, completing what Eclipse calls the most advanced glass cockpit in general aviation..[Read More](#)

## VIDEO: EASTMAN AVIATION'S CH750 VIDEO REVIEW

There are only a few LSAs that qualify for true STOL status, and Eastman's CH750 is one of them. With full-span flaperons and leading-edge slats, it won't win any beauty contests, but it could excel at some short landing contests. In this video, Aviation Consumer editor Paul Bertorelli takes a spin with Eastman's Gary Webster..[Watch Video](#)

## SURVEY OF AMERICAN AIRLINES' SMB CUSTOMERS REVEALS ECONOMIC OPTIMISM

American Airlines recently conducted a poll of employees of its small and medium-size business customers and found that most are optimistic about their companies' financial health. "The compelling results indicate that 72% of customers we surveyed nationwide anticipate their company's economic outlook will improve in the next 12 to 18 months, and less than 10% say it will decrease," said Karen Buls from American Airlines. [Read More](#)

## FAA TO DECIDE IF REGULATORY ACTION IS NEEDED ON WI-FI INTERFERENCE

Boeing is poised to issue a service bulletin regarding the susceptibility of Honeywell Phase 3 display units to wireless internet interference. The Federal Aviation Administration will then decide whether regulatory action is needed. "We're aware of the impending service bulletin. Once we get it, we'll determine if we need to take some regulatory safety action." [Read More](#)

## PRODUCTION BEGINS ON 2ND UK AIRCRAFT CARRIER

Construction of HMS Prince of Wales, the second of the two new Queen Elizabeth (QE) Class aircraft carriers for the Royal Navy, started Thursday at BAE Systems' Govan shipyard on the Clyde. Employees and guests gathered at the shipyard as Secretary of State for Defence, Dr Liam Fox, was invited to press the button on the company's plasma machine to cut the first steel for the vessel, marking a pivotal stage in the program to deliver the nation's flagships. [Read More](#)

## SAFE TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS RELEASED

Pilots need a better grasp of so-called "higher-order pilot skills" to reduce the accident rate and improve the appeal of flying as a vocation and as recreation, according to the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE). The organization is proposing six projects (PDF) aimed at working toward those goals. The recommendations result from a two-day symposium on flight training reform involving 148 industry and government leaders in Atlanta in early May. [Read More](#)

## FAA TO REMOVE PRIVACY PROTECTIONS FOR BUSINESS JET OPERATORS

The Federal Aviation Administration recently published a notice stating that starting Aug. 2 business-jet operators will no longer have the privacy protections that they have previously enjoyed. The Department of Transportation announced before Memorial Day weekend that it intended to restrict the Block Aircraft Registration Request program. "This action is in keeping with the Obama administration's commitment to transparency in government." [Read More](#)

## SAFE SYMPOSIUM RECOMMENDS SCENARIO-BASED TESTING

A two-day symposium on flight training held by the Society of Aviation and Flight Educators emphasized the need for "higher-order pilot skills." SAFE also proposed six projects to improve flight safety and recommended measures such as scenario-based training for flight schools. [Read More](#)

## SYSTEM FAILURE AND COCKPIT CRISIS

The loss of Air France Flight 447 has stirred comments on training and automation, but if you'd like to better understand the in-cockpit dynamics of a commercial airliner flying overseas through storms at night ... here's a closer look..[Read More](#)

## UNSCHEDULED QANTAS FUEL STOPS RAISE QUESTIONS

Qantas says an unscheduled fuel stop on a Pacific island during its new route from Dallas to Brisbane on Monday was due to stronger-than-expected headwinds, but the pilots union has recently accused the airline of pressuring crews to carry minimum fuel to cut costs. The Boeing 747-400ER, flying one of the longest routes in the world at almost 8,600 miles, diverted to Noumea, the capital of New Caledonia..[Read More](#)

## MAINE AIRPORT HOLDS ITS FIRST FLY-IN

The Brunswick Executive Airport in Brunswick, Maine, held its first International Fly-In on Saturday. Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association President Craig Fuller spoke at the event, which promoted the new civilian airport. The airport previously had served as the Brunswick Naval Air Station airfield before the U.S. Navy decommissioned the base..[Read More](#)

## JETBLUE CEO SAYS BUSINESS MODEL COULD BE CHALLENGED

Dave Barger, CEO of JetBlue Airways, said that efforts to unionize the airline's pilots could threaten its business model. The Air Line Pilots' Association wants JetBlue's flight crew members to vote on representation. "This clearly threatens our model," said Barger, noting that unionization could result in "a huge cultural change to our company..[Read More](#)

## BLUE ANGELS COMMANDER QUILTS

The commander of the Blue Angels has resigned and the team is back in Pensacola for training and practice after an unspecified maneuver was performed at too low an altitude during a show in Lynchburg, Va., on May 22. Navy Cmdr. Dave Koss was "voluntarily relieved of duty" as the elite team's commander and will be replaced by Capt. Greg McWherter, whom Koss replaced as the team lead. "This maneuver, combined with other instances of not meeting the airborne standard that makes the Blue Angels the exceptional organization that it is..[Read More](#)

## AIRBUS 320 THAT LANDED IN HUDSON HEADS TO NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM

The Airbus A320 that Capt. Chesley Sullenberger landed safely in the Hudson River in January 2009 started its long journey to a North Carolina museum. The plane will become part of American history at the Carolinas Aviation Museum. Sullenberger will be speaking Saturday at a reception at the museum..[Read More](#)

## ATA EXPECTS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO DRIVE GROWTH, CALIO SAYS

The Air Transport Association has predicted a 1.5% increase in the number of passengers U.S. airlines will carry from June to August. The ATA's air travel forecast predicts 206.2 million passengers for the three-month period. More than 26 million of those

travelers will be on international flights, up from the record 25.8 million from last summer, according to the ATA. "In the next decade, the majority of..[Read More](#)

#### NEW BOEING 747-8 INTERCONTINENTAL, FREIGHTER TO DEBUT AT 2011 PARIS AIR SHOW

Dreamliner Will Also Be On The Ramp At Le Bourget Boeing's two new 747-8 airplane models ... the Intercontinental passenger version and the Freighter version ... will make their international debuts at the Paris Air Show, joining the 787 Dreamliner as highlights of the company's presence during the show..[Read More](#)

#### ROLLS-ROYCE REPORTEDLY REDESIGNING A350 ENGINES

Airbus Had Complained About R-R's Single-Engine Strategy For All A350 Models Reports coming from the IATA conference in Singapore indicate that Rolls-Royce is set to build a new engine for the Airbus A350, a move said to be brought on by pressure from the European plane maker to make its composite-construction airliner competitive with Boeing's Dreamliner And 777-300ER..[Read More](#)

#### MICHAEL COSENTINO NAMED SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, STRATEGY, AND DEVELOPMENT FOR EADS

EADS North America has appointed Michael Cosentino to be Senior Vice President and Head of Strategy and Development. He will be responsible for overseeing the company's future strategy for growth, as well as leading the mergers, acquisitions, and business development functions at EADS North America..[Read More](#)

#### FIRST INFLIGHT '911' TOUTS NEW LEVEL OF SAFETY FOR AIRLINE PASSENGERS, AIRCREWS

The developer of an inflight messaging service says it plans to deploy a new emergency-911 service that will help airline pilots and staff to alert up to 100 government personnel simultaneously in the event of an inflight crisis..[Read More](#)

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