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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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AMERICAN ANNOUNCES LARGEST AIRCRAFT ORDER IN HISTORY WITH BOEING AND AIRBUS

Orders 460 Narrowbody Jets to Replace and Transform its Fleet. The agreement includes options and purchase rights for 465 additional aircraft through 2025. American to be first U.S. network carrier to take delivery of Airbus A320neo Family aircraft and first airline to commit to Boeing's expected new 737 family offering..[Read More](#)

FLYING REMAINS THE SAFEST WAY TO TRAVEL

Flying remains the safest way to travel because the industry has converted an accumulation of knowledge into practice. For example, aircraft manufacturers have been constantly improving airliners. "There's a reason for the size, shape, placement and

appearance of every control, light, switch and feature," said Julianne Fox Cummings, a pilot and human factors engineer who has worked with Boeing..[Read More](#)

WISCONSIN COLLEGE ADDRESSES PREDICTED PILOT SHORTAGE

Fox Valley Technical College in Wisconsin is addressing the predicted pilot shortage through its aviation program. "We're not looking at changing our mission," said Jared Huss, lead instructor at the college's aeronautics program. "We're looking to be a solution to the pilot shortage as best we can."..[Read More](#)

FLEET PLAN BY THE NUMBERS

Four fleet types (MD-80, 737-800, 757 and 767-200) will be replaced with two (B737 and the A320 families) that share more common cockpits, engines and parts - streamlining our pilot and flight attendant training, and maintenance efforts. International fleet renewal will continue with Boeing 777 and 787 models.

BOEING BY THE NUMBERS

Ordering 200 additional aircraft from the 737 family

100 planes from Boeing's current 737 family

100 of Boeing's expected new evolution of the 737NG, featuring a new engine that will be significantly more fuel-efficient

Options for another 100 737 family aircraft

Flexibility to choose new deliveries within the 737 family - including the 737-700, 737-800 and 737-900

AIRBUS BY THE NUMBERS

Ordering 260 planes from the A320 family

130 current generation aircraft beginning 2013

130 A320neo planes with next generation engine technology beginning 2017

Options for an additional 365 planes, giving us the flexibility to choose new deliveries from the A320 family, including the A319, A320 and A321, and grow based on what makes sense for our business

CURRENT FLEET PLAN BY THE NUMBERS

76 737-800s received in 2009 and 2010

Orders for 54 additional 737-800s for 2011 into 2013

Orders for eight Boeing 777-300ER widebodies to be delivered in 2012-2013

Plans to acquire 42 state-of-the-art Boeing 787 Dreamliners, for delivery starting late 2014

Options for 58 additional 787s

Orders for seven 777-200 widebodies scheduled for delivery in 2013 through 2016

GULFSTREAM RE-BRANDS G250 TO G280

Gulfstream will re-brand its new G250 super-midsize jet as the G280, the company announced on Monday. The change was prompted by the company's "sensitivity to the varied cultures of its international customer base," according to the news release.

"Since introducing the Gulfstream G250 in 2008 and presenting it to customers around the world, we determined that G280 is..[Read More](#)

ANOTHER TIME-OUT IN 787 PRODUCTION

Boeing says first 787 delivery is still on track, but supplier deliveries are halted..[Read More](#)

BOEING, ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS COMPLETE WEEK OF DREAMLINER TESTS

Boeing said it has completed a week of testing the 787 Dreamliner with All Nippon Airways, the first customer scheduled to receive the new jet. The tests were designed to mimic the aircraft's actual operating conditions without passengers. "Giving our team a chance to work with the airplane prior to entry into service was very valuable," said Katsunori Shimazaki, corporate planning senior manager at ANA. "Our crews are excited to begin operating the first 787 revenue flights later this year..[Read More](#)

FIRST PRODUCTION F-35 DELIVERED TO EGLIN AFB

Training To Get Underway For Pilots And Maintainers The first production model F-35 Lightning II to be assigned to the 33rd Fighter Wing arrived at Eglin AFB in Florida Thursday at 1318 CDT after its more than 90-minute ferry flight from Fort Worth, Texas. The aircraft, known as AF-9, will be used for activities in concert with training F-35 pilots and maintainers who begin coursework at the base's new F-35 Integrated Training Center this fall..[Read More](#)

U.S. RESERVES COULD YEILD TONS OF OIL, BUT THERE'S A CATCH U.S.

reliance on foreign oil could come to an end because of a large untapped reserve in the middle of the U.S. that could yield 1.4 trillion barrels of oil. However, the reserves don't actually contain oil, but rather "oil shale." Companies are working on technology to transform the shale rock into oil, but face several challenges, including cost. Fox Business..[Read More](#)

FABIO GAMBA APPOINTED NEW CEO OF EBAA EBAA

has appointed Fabio Gamba as CEO of the Association. He will take over from Brian Humphries who will remain in the role of..[Read More](#)

EMBRAER JOINS FUSELAGE OF LEGACY 500 EXECUTIVE JET

Embraer has taken another step in the development of its new Legacy 500 midsize executive jet with the joining of the aircraft's..[Read More](#)

MANUFACTURERS BLAST PLAN TO RAISE TAXES ON BUSINESS-JET OWNERS

Aircraft manufacturers and unions that produce corporate jets are disappointed in a plan from President Barack Obama to increase taxes on companies that own such planes. "I think it's just insulting," said Steve Rooney, president of District 70 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. "He acts like it is just a luxury for somebody to own a business jet when they're used as tools. And I don't think he realizes how many people that this industry employs and how much revenue is brought in here from those types of aircraft."..[Read More](#)

UNITED, DELTA, AMERICAN, DOMINATE GSA AWARDS

United Airlines and Continental Airlines were awarded federal travel contracts in a combined 1,741 city-pairs for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 under the U.s. General Services Administration's (GSA) Airline City-Pairs Program, GSA announced Wednesday..[Read More](#)

FORMER WASP PILOT RETURNS TO SKIES AFTER DECADES-LONG ABSENCE

Sylvia Dahmes Clayton, 91, recalls her historic enrollment in the Women's Air Service Pilots organization during World War II. She was one of 1,074 women from across the U.S. who completed training in the program. "I already was getting weary of being a medical technician, and that sounded like a great opportunity," said Clayton, who recently piloted a plane for the first time in six decades, accompanied by a..[Read More](#)

FAA CERTIFIES BLACKHAWK ENGINE UPGRADE FOR CARAVAN

The FAA issued an STC on June 24, 2011, authorizing Blackhawk Modifications to offer the XP42A upgrade for the Cessna Caravan 208B. Jim Allmon, President and CEO, says the company will celebrate the certification at AirVenture..[Read More](#)

X2 RETIRES, HEADS FOR OSHKOSH

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation's X2 technology demonstrator flew for the last time last week, and next week it will be on display at EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh. The innovative helicopter, winner of the 2010 Collier Prize, achieved a level flight speed of 253 knots, an unofficial speed record. The X2 is..[Read More](#)

EA-18G GROWLERS COMPLETE 1ST COMBAT DEPLOYMENT

Two Additional Growler Squadrons Now Deployed The U.S. Navy's electronic attack squadron VAQ-132 EA-18G Growlers safely returned to their home base at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, WA, on July 9, after completing an eight-month deployment that included combat operations in the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) and U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) areas of responsibility..[Read More](#)

SPENDING BY BUSINESS TRAVELERS IS EXPECTED TO RISE

6.8% The Global Business Travel Association reduced its growth estimate for 2011 for the number of business trips originating in the U.S. from 3.4% to 2.3% because of the softer economy. However, the group still expects business travelers to increase their spending by 6.8% because of higher fares and other travel-related costs. "Strong corporate profits, management sentiment, emerging-countries economic growth and rising travel prices continue to drive business-travel spending higher," the report said..[Read More](#)

SCALED UNVEILS HYBRID "FLYING CAR"

Over the weekend, Scaled Composites unveiled to the press Burt Rutan's version of a "roadable aircraft," the last design he completed for the company he founded before he retired earlier this year. The two-seat hybrid-electric BiPod hasn't flown, but it has completed some "test hops" on the runway at Mojave, powered by its driving wheels..[Read More](#)

FLIGHT ACTIVITY STAYS POSITIVE IN JUNE

Argus TRAQpak data indicates that June business aircraft activity in the US was up 0.4% over May. [Read More](#) EMBRAER DELIVERS 23 EXECUTIVE JETS IN 2Q11 Embraer delivered 23 executive jets in the second quarter of 2011 (2Q11), closing out the first six months of the year with 31. [Read More](#)

TRYING TO LEARN THE G1000?

There are at least a half-dozen training programs that offer help. In this video, Aviation Consumer's Paul Bertorelli takes a brief look at some of the offerings. Each has pluses and minuses, but any of them can get you ready to fly the G1000, if not confident and proficient. [Watch Video](#)

BUSINESS JET CYCLE HAS YET TO TURN AROUND, J.P. MORGAN ANALYST SAYS

Halfway through the year, the business aviation industry has yet to fully recover, J.P.-Morgan analyst Joseph Nadol says. "We continue to see mixed signals regarding new demand halfway through the year, calling into question whether 2012 will see a broad-based delivery upturn or only one at the high end," [Read More](#)

OPTIONS TRADERS ARE OPTIMISTIC DELTA'S STOCK WILL RISE

Shares in Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines dropped to a 20-month low, falling 35 cents to close at \$8.06 on Monday. Options traders, however, indicated optimism in the ability of the shares to rise over the next couple of months. "Option activity this morning suggests at least one investor believes the shares have reached a bottom and will rally over the coming months," [Read More](#)

AA ASKS DOT TO ALLOW IT TO KEEP NEW YORK-TOKYO ROUTE

American Airlines has asked the U.S Transportation Department to waive its "use-it-or-lose-it" clause for the airline's route between. [Read More](#)

GPS A SIDE ISSUE IN HIGH-STAKES BROADBAND BATTLE

Although the FCC's rulemaking process is nowhere near finished on the LightSquared/GPS issue, LightSquared's multi-billion-dollar business plan appears to be unaffected by the nagging details of regulatory approval and the potential destruction of the GPS system. [Read More](#)

ORGANIZERS EXPECT MORE THAN 500 ATTENDEES AT AVIATION JOB FAIR AAR

Corp. is holding a two-day job fair this week at the Salina Municipal Airport in Salina, Kan. The aircraft maintenance company is considering opening a location in the Salina area, and organizers expect more than 500 people to attend the job fair. AAR Corp. is based in the Chicago area. [Read More](#)

CITATIONAIR PILOTS VOTE FOR TEAMSTER

More than 350 CitationAir Pilots have voted to join the Teamsters Union..[Read More](#)
EUROCOPTER ACQUIRES VECTOR AEROSPACE Eurocopter Holding, a subsidiary of EADS have acquired 98.32% Vector Aerospace Corporation..[Read More](#)

UNIONS FOR SOUTHWEST AND AIRTRAN PILOTS REACH AGREEMENT

The Southwest Airlines Pilots Association and the Air Line Pilots Association have come to an accord in principle for a combined seniority list. The agreement governs how AirTran Holdings' pilots will be placed into the seniority list of Southwest Airlines..[Read More](#)

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SAFETY RULES THREATEN RUSSIAN AIRLINES

The Russian domestic airline industry says recently announced safety requirements are impossible to achieve and an unusually frank report in the Moscow Times suggests fares will double if they're implemented as planned..[Read More](#)

AA ENTERS PURCHASE-LEASEBACK DEAL WITH AERCAP HOLDINGS

American Airlines and AerCap Holdings have agreed to a purchase-leaseback transaction that will allow the carrier to finance up to 35 Boeing 737-800s. "We are pleased to significantly expand our relationship with AerCap and diversify our financing strategies," said Bella Goren, chief financial officer at AMR, the parent company of American Airlines..[Read More](#)

DELTA WANTS TO PULL SERVICE IN SOME SMALLER DOMESTIC MARKETS

Delta Air Lines has told regulators that it wants to halt service for 24 markets involved in the Essential Air Service Program to stem related annual losses of about \$14 million. The airline's move will affect Watertown, S.D.; Butte, Mont.; Waterloo, Iowa, and other cities..[Read More](#)

JETNET: USED BIZJET SALES UP, PRICES DOWN

Aviation information provider Jetnet reports double-digit growth in used business jet retail sales transactions in the first five months of 2011, but notes a continued decline in average asking prices..[Read More](#)

POTENTIAL CESSNA CHINA BUSINESS JET PROJECT

Cessna and the Aviation Industry Corp. of China (AVIC) are in "exploratory" talks regarding possible collaboration on a business jet. The talks reportedly revolve around joint design and production of such an aircraft. Cessna has already developed ties in China, where its Skycatcher LSA is produced by Shenyang Aircraft Corp..[Read More](#)

AMERICAN AIRLINES, CATHAY PACIFIC EXPAND CODE-SHARING DEAL

American Airlines announced Thursday that it has expanded an agreement with Cathay Pacific for code sharing on additional flights. American will offer flights through code share on Cathay Pacific's daily flights from Chicago to Hong Kong, as well as from Hong Kong to Vietnam..[Read More](#)

UNITED CONTINENTAL TO RECALL SOME FURLOUGHED PILOTS

United Continental Holdings Inc. announced plans to offer positions to up to 201 pilots furloughed from United. The pilots who will return to work will fly for the carrier's Continental subsidiary..[Read More](#)

P-51 AND SKYRAIDER MIDAIR WITH PILOT ACCOUNT

Sunday, July 10, the P-51 Mustang dubbed Big Beautiful Doll crashed after a midair collision with a Douglas Skyraider while performing a flyby at the Duxford Flying Legends event in Duxford, England. No one was seriously injured. The Mustang's pilot, Rob Davies escaped under parachute, but was..[Watch Video](#)

LAW MAKERS PRESSURE NASA FOR DECISION ON HEAVY-LIFT ROCKET

Several lawmakers are pressuring NASA for the agency's decision on the design of a heavy-lift rocket. Sens. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., and Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, held a joint press conference on Thursday about their concerns. "Sen. Nelson and I are urging OMB, let that decision be made public so that the contractors and NASA can keep the workforce in place that will produce this,"..[Read More](#)

AUDIO DETAILS 737 RAPID DECOMPRESSION

Audio recordings released by the FAA last week of Southwest Airlines Flight 812, a Boeing 737 with 118 passengers aboard that suffered rapid decompression in April, detail pilots and controllers working the problem. The aircraft was at 36,000 feet flying out of Phoenix for Sacramento when a 59-inch-long gash opened nine inches wide in the top of the cabin, with a loud bang..[Read More](#)

TSA TO LAUNCH TRIAL FREQUENT-FLIER SCREENING PROGRAM THIS YEAR

The Transportation Security Administration this year will launch a pilot program that will allow some travelers participating in certain frequent-flier programs to move more quickly through security lines..[Read More](#)

CMBC TO ORDER 50 GULFSTREAM JETS

China Minsheng Banking Corp. Will Spend \$2.6 Billion Minsheng Financial Leasing Company, which claims to be China's largest corporate jet leasing company, has announced a Letter of Intent (LOI) to purchase 50 jets from Gulfstream Aircraft. The deal is being hailed as the largest business jet order ever by a Chinese leasing company..[Read More](#)

AMR PLANS TO SPIN OFF AMERICAN EAGLE

The parent company of American Airlines said Wednesday it expects to spin-off regional carrier American Eagle, although it won't completely rule out a sale..[Read More](#)

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