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

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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FATAL CRASH AT FLORIDA AIR SHOW

A member of the Red Thunder demonstration team died Saturday when his Yak-52 reportedly failed to pull out of a maneuver and crashed at the Wings Over Flagler airshow in Palm Coast, Fla. William E. "Wild Bill" Walker was in formation with members

of the six-aircraft team when the accident occurred. "He was in a dive when he was supposed to pull, and he didn't pull out for some reason,"..[Read More](#)

#### CESSNA, DASSAULT TO HALT PRODUCTION OF JETS SEEING DWINDLING DEMAND

Cessna and Dassault say that declining demand has caused them to cancel production of their CJ1+ and Falcon 2000/900DX business jets. Production of the CJ1+ was scaled back about two years ago as the economy declined, and while three of the jets were delivered last year, and only two are expected to be delivered in 2011..[Read More](#)

#### BOMBARDIER, EMBRAER UNVEIL NEW DEALS IN CHINA

Bombardier announced Thursday it would team up with Commercial Aircraft Corp. of China to cross-market new, narrow-body passenger jets the companies expect to debut in 2013 and 2016, respectively. Marketing, customer support and procurement could eventually be covered under the pact..[Read More](#)

#### BLERIOT AT SUN 'N FUN 2011

A modernized version of the airplane Louis Bleriot used to cross the English Channel isn't for everyone. "You really have to fly it all the time to get it where you want it," cautioned builders Pascal Kremer and Robert Bassley, who were both at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida with the airplane. In this video, they explain the challenges (and joys) of piloting the modern Bleriot. This video is brought to you by WxWorx XM WX Satellite Weather and Lightspeed Aviation..[Watch Video](#)

#### LAKELAND FLY-IN TO HONOR NAVAL AVIATION, DESERT STORM

The Sun 'n Fun Fly-In, in Lakeland, Fla., features special events celebrating the history of U.S. naval aviation and a Desert Storm retrospective. The event, running through April 3 at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, will include daily performances by the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels and NASA space shuttle commander and naval aviator Robert "Hoot" Gibson will lead a panel discussion..[Read More](#)

#### TEXTRON RESTRUCTURING REWARDED AS DEMAND TAKES OFF

Restructuring efforts at Textron appear to be paying off as the maker of Cessna airplanes and Bell helicopters has seen increasing cash and rising demand. The company's shares were recently up 16% this year, and it has a backlog of orders..[Read More](#)

#### CONGRESSMAN WARNS ABOUT CIRRUS SALE

A freshman Minnesota congressman is urging the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to use "extreme caution" in assessing the potential sale of Cirrus Industries to the Chinese state-owned China Aviation Industry General Aircraft Co. Chip Cravaack, who represents the 8th District in Minnesota, which includes Cirrus's home of Duluth, says he's afraid the Chinese will use technology developed by Cirrus for military purposes..[Read More](#)

## NEW GULFSTREAM SUPPORT CENTER FEATURES STATE-OF-ART SIMULATORS

Gulfstream Aerospace has opened a new in-flight support center in Savannah, Ga., providing more than 40 technical specialists to offer 24-hour customer support. The center includes state-of-the-art interactive flight deck simulators to allow specialists to mimic what is happening in flight..[Read More](#)

## GARMIN INTRODUCES NEW HYBRID NAVIGATORS

Garmin has announced that it is unveiling new GTN 650 and 750 series hybrid navigators to replace the aging GNS 430 and 530 products. The new navigators include a touchscreen interface, higher resolution screens, a new operating system and remote transponder control from the navigator screen..[Read More](#)

## AMERICAN STICKS WITH APRIL 1 LAUNCH FOR JAPANESE JOINT VENTURE

American Airlines has no plans to delay the launch of its joint venture with Japan Airlines despite disruptions caused by the earthquake and tsunami. Beverly Goulet, treasurer of parent company AMR, noted that JAL continues to operate its full schedule of connecting international flights and that about 50% of AA passengers arriving in Japan connect to other destinations in Asia..[Read More](#)

## F-35 CAN'T SHAKE TRILLION-DOLLAR CONTROVERSY

In 2008, the GAO estimated (PDF) the cost of buying and operating 2,443 F-35 fighter jets at \$1 trillion, and this month The Atlantic magazine noted that fleet would represent a force 20 times larger than Russia's at a cost larger than Australia's GDP. Estimating the cost of a jet is difficult and varies widely -- in part because some estimates factor in design development and future maintenance costs..[Read More](#)

## SOUTHWEST SEES ROOM FOR "2 OR 3" KINDS OF AIRCRAFT IN ITS FLEET

Southwest Airlines "can handle two or three" types of aircraft in its fleet, CEO Gary Kelly said Tuesday at an investment conference, adding that the company's next narrow-body order "may very well be a different airplane, whether it's Boeing, whether it's Airbus or whether it's Bombardier." Kelly said he is "anxious to have some answers this year" as the..[Read More](#)

## FAA SUSPENDS WASHINGTON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER FOR SLEEPING ON THE JOB

The NTSB has concluded that an air traffic controller at Washington's Reagan National Airport fell asleep during his overnight shift on Wednesday, leaving two commercial jets to land without guidance from the control tower..[Read More](#)

## AIR FORCE PILOT GIVES UP WINGS AFTER FLYOVER

It was Nov. 20 at the University of Iowa and a pre-game flyover to remember, in part because it was flown at nearly 400 knots and cleared the football stadium's press box by about 16 feet, according to FAA radar records. The four T-38 Talon jets were led by Major Christopher Kopacek, previously of the 25th Flying Training Squadron. In exchange for..[Read More](#)

## HOW MAJOR AIRLINES STACKED UP IN KEY CATEGORIES FOR 2010

Last year, major US airlines reported the highest profits in over a decade from the 2nd highest operating revenues in airline history. Every major airline except for American had a profit for 2010..[Read More](#)

## FRENCH PILOTS TEST THEIR NERVE OVER LIBYA

'Unlike Afghanistan, we've got a lot of threats coming from the ground. We can't scan the entire landscape.'..[Read More](#)

## JETBLUE PARTNERS WITH VIRGIN ATLANTIC ON TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHTS

JetBlue Airways and Virgin Atlantic rolled out an interline partnership that links the carriers' trans-Atlantic flights. "JetBlue is pleased to begin interline service with a trans-Atlantic leader of Virgin Atlantic's caliber," said..[Read More](#)

## AMERICAN WORKS TO STANDARDIZE INTERIORS ON 737-800 FLEET

With plans to buy a total of 130 new Boeing 737-800 jets by 2013, American Airlines is retrofitting its 152 existing 737-800s to standardize interiors across the fleet. About 40% of the older planes have been outfitted with slimmer, more comfortable seats featuring articulated bottoms for better weight distribution. American's goal is to replace older MD-80s with 737-800s that are about 35% more fuel efficient on a per-seat basis.

## DELTA TO CUT SYSTEM CAPACITY 2% IN SECOND HALF OF 2011

Delta Air Lines plans to cut 15%-20% of its capacity to Japan and about 25% of flights from its Memphis hub. Delta President Ed Bastian said first-quarter revenue will be about \$450 million lower than had been anticipated due to severe winter weather, rising fuel prices and the disaster in Japan..[Read More](#)

## AVENGER IN FLIGHT TESTING

Now in flight testing, Avenger is a jet-powered, 400-knot UAV that can fly above 50,000 feet for 20 hours. It's intended for intelligence gathering and precision-strike missions..[Watch Video](#)

## FUEL FIRE, SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE DISRUPT MIAMI FLIGHTS

A bomb threat and a large fire forced airlines to delay dozens of flights at Miami International Airport on Thursday. The fire, which occurred at the airport's fuel farm early Thursday morning, reduced fuel supplies by at least 40%. Meanwhile, a suspicious package discovered later that morning prompted officials to evacuate one of the airport's concourses..[Read More](#)

## PENSACOLA CELEBRATES CENTURY OF NAVAL AVIATION

A Florida Panhandle town is taking note of a century of naval aviation. The Pensacola Bay area is celebrating with Blue Angels air shows, concerts, a visit from the USS Iwo Jima..[Read More](#)

## CHINA SEEKS TO SCOOP UP AMERICAN AVIATION COMPANIES DURING DOWN MARKET

As it makes efforts to acquire American aviation companies such as Cirrus, China is moving to enter the general aviation industry while the market is down, according to at least one analyst. With American aircraft manufacturers already struggling, the new competition likely won't be welcome..[Read More](#)

## CONTINENTAL ADDS LIE-FLAT SEATS TO ITS 41 BOEING 757-200S

Continental Airlines announced Wednesday that it has equipped all 41 of its Boeing 757-200s with lie-flat beds in business class. The planes are primarily used for international flights heading to Europe from Newark, N.J. Lie-flat seats have become a hot item as airlines scramble for business travelers..[Read More](#)

## NEW AVIATION BRIGADE COMING TO BASE

The expansion will push the military population at Fort Carson, ... One brigade will be new - the 13th Combat Aviation Brigade - and a second will be a..[Read More](#)"

## 747-8 INTERCONTINENTAL COMPLETES FIRST FLIGHT

The Boeing 747-8 Intercontinental completed its first flight March 20, departing Paine Field in Everett, Wash., for a four-hour, 25 minutes flight, landing at Boeing Field in Seattle..[Read More](#)

## HAWKER BEECHCRAFT OPENS \$20 MILLION MEXICO FACILITY

Hawker Beechcraft announced on February 24 the opening of a new \$20 million facility in Chihuahua City, Mexico, that will be employed primarily in sheet metal fabrication. According to Hawker Beechcraft CEO Bill Boisture, the 180,000-sq-foot building is one of two at the Chihuahua site, where a third will be added later this year. By year-end, the Chihuahua..[Read More](#)

## AIRTRAN INVESTORS APPROVE A TAKEOVER BY SOUTHWEST

Southwest Airlines made a \$1.4 billion bid to take over AirTran Holdings. Approval from AirTran shareholders moves the airlines closer to merging. Southwest CEO Gary Kelly said the airline has "no plans to instantly change their network." The tie-up would give Southwest a presence in Atlanta, the busiest airport in the world. The companies cannot declare a closing date until a Department of Justice review is complete..[Read More](#)

## CESSNA UNVEILS NEXT-GEN CORVALIS WITH TOUCH-SCREEN GARMIN G2000

Cessna Aircraft today unveiled its new Corvalis TTX high-performance, single-engine piston at the Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In & Expo in Lakeland, Fla. The upgraded Corvalis features new standard and optional equipment, all-new interior and paint scheme options and, perhaps most important, the Intrinsic flight deck that uses the new touch-screen Garmin..[Read More](#)

## PROGRAM TRACKS TRAVELERS BY USING THEIR WIFI SIGNALS

In the next few weeks, Copenhagen International Airport will start using a program capable of tracking travelers' movements based on their Wi-Fi-emitting devices. They will use the information to direct passenger flow and improve the airport's design, among other things..[Read More](#)

## BOEING ENGINEER DEVOTES TIME TO WINGS OF HOPE CHARITY

A Boeing chief engineer has dedicated her spare time to earning a pilot certificate and devoting her talents to the Wings of Hope organization, which rebuilds donated aircraft and uses them for medical transportation to some of the most isolated places around the globe. The charity has locations in 42 countries and it has even been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize..[Watch Video](#)

## FEDEX PILOTS APPROVE TWO-YEAR CONTRACT

After less than six months of negotiation, FedEx pilots have agreed to a new labor deal that includes a 3% pay raise, lump-sum payments and new safety programs. The contract is valid for up to two years, though pilots have the option to shelve it after the first year..[Read More](#)

## U.S. HELOS ASSIST WITH JAPAN QUAKE RELIEF

The U.S. military expeditiously moved in helicopters to assist with Japan's earthquake and tsunami relief efforts following the March 11 disaster. Over the weekend of March 12, the Pentagon quickly mobilized "Operation Tomodachi" (friendship in Japanese). The carrier USS Ronald Reagan was positioned off the island of Honshu to act as a floating fuel station..[Read More](#)

## PRE-OWNED UPDATE: INVENTORY SHRINKS, EVEN AS PRICES INCREASE

Attractive pricing persists on many popular models despite a continued tightening of inventory to its lowest level since peaking less than two years ago. A small number of models have experienced an increase in pricing off their lows, but arguably they might never return to the inflated levels visited during the market peak of 2007. Yet any price..[Read More](#)

## DELTA, PARTNERS FOCUS ON FLORIDA WITH NEW FLIGHTS

Under a trans-Atlantic joint venture, Delta Air Lines and its SkyTeam partners are beefing up direct service between Florida and Europe. Delta launched its Miami to London Heathrow service on Saturday, while KLM on Sunday began direct flights between Orlando and Amsterdam. Air France plans to begin flying from Orlando to Paris in June. In order to offer..[Read More](#)

## CIRRUS: CHINA SALE IS BEST WAY TO SAVE U.S. JOBS

Selling Minnesota-based Cirrus Aircraft to a Chinese suitor is the best way to protect American jobs, says Cirrus CEO Brent Wouters, contradicting a lawmaker's claims that the sale would export hundreds of jobs overseas. Rep. Chip Cravaack, R-Minn., has expressed concerns about the sale, saying it would cause Americans to lose their jobs..[Read More](#)

## SOUTHWEST EYES 2013 FOR FLEET EXPANSION

For the first time since its no-growth policy took effect in 2009, Southwest Airlines says, it is considering a fleet expansion. "We're trying to restore profitability to the point where it is finally justified to commit to buying airplanes," said CEO Gary Kelly, adding that the..[Read More](#)

## U.K. DROPS PLAN FOR PER-PLANE TAX ON COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

The British government has reversed its plans to impose a per-plane tax on commercial aircraft operations, opting instead to stick with its air passenger duty, or APD, which taxes on a per-passenger basis. "We hoped we could replace the per-passenger tax with a per-plane tax. We have tried every possible option, but have reluctantly had to accept that all are currently illegal under international law,"..[Read More](#)

## UNITED CONTINENTAL MAKES FURTHER SHIFTS IN CAPACITY

United Airlines and Continental Airlines will cut domestic flying more than expected this year, while international capacity will increase more than announced. The airlines' parent company said overall first-quarter capacity is 1.2% higher compared with the same quarter last year, while passenger-unit revenue is up as much as 11%..[Read More](#)

## OIL PRICES FORCE AIRLINES TO CURB GROWTH PLANS

Higher oil prices already have led five major North American carriers to cut back on growth plans, and some experts predict a decline in leisure travelers could lead to reduced load factors throughout the industry. With the price of jet fuel now at \$3.20 per gallon, the Air Transport Association predicts overall fuel costs could be \$15 billion higher than last year..[Read More](#)

## BOMBARDIER 2010 DELIVERIES MEET PROJECTIONS

More than a month before release of the FY2010/11 financial results by parent company Bombardier, Inc., Bombardier Aerospace released business jet delivery numbers for FY2010/11, and despite an "especially strong" fourth quarter, deliveries for the fiscal year were down, to 143 from 176 in FY2009/10. Shipments are "essentially in line with the..[Read More](#)

## USED JET SALES POINT TO MANUFACTURING RECOVERY

Despite political upheavals and natural disasters, the market for used business jets has ticked up this month, showing that a "broad-based" recovery is under way, according to analyst Cai von Rumohr. As the inventory of used jets declines, the outlook improves for original equipment manufacturers. "Barring an aborted economic recovery, [sales trends] support prospects for continuing bizjet recovery," von Rumohr wrote..[Read More](#)

## COMPANY VOICES OPPOSITION TO U.K.'S "LEARJET LEVY"

In a move dubbed a "Learjet levy," the U.K., has announced plans to tax private aviation companies. Hawker Beechcraft registered comment protesting the tax, saying:

"Across Europe, approximately 40% of business aircraft operators have only one aircraft and 80% have less than five, so applying the air passenger tax to this diverse sector would have a negative impact on the entrepreneurs the government is looking to support..[Read More](#)

#### COULD NEXTGEN REOPEN NEW YORK'S "GHOST AIRPORT"?

Less than five miles from perennially overburdened John F. Kennedy International Airport sits Floyd Bennett Field, a former Navy base with four runways that are used only a few times a year. New York's Regional Plan Association says reopening Bennett Field as a commercial airport would cause airspace conflicts with JFK, but with the advent of satellite-guided air traffic control..[Read More](#)

#### DC-7 VISITS SUN 'FUN

There's not much you can do to a beautifully restored DC-7B passenger airplane to make it more interesting than it already is - except, perhaps, to pair it with a strikingly young captain. 23-year-old Glen Moss showed us around the venerated DC-7 (the last flying passenger version) and shared her story with us at Sun 'n Fun 2011 in Lakeland, Florida. This video is brought to you by Bose Corporation and Aspen Avionics..[Watch Video](#)

#### TURBOPROP VALUES CONTINUE TO BE STABLE

Orders for turboprops have improved recently, and with the hike in the price of fuel, operators will again consider the aircraft as protection against such cost increases. ATR recorded a total of 80 orders in 2010, comprising 75 ATR72s and five ATR42s. This compares with only 40 orders in 2009.

#### GPS COORDINATES IN JAPAN WILL NEED TO BE UPDATED

Japan's Geospatial Information Authority's network of 1,200 GPS monitoring stations across that country detected a maximum displacement of 13 ft. with an average displacement of 8 ft. recorded over a 248-mi. area of the main island of Honshu after Friday's 9.0-magnitude earthquake.

#### BOEING APPLAUDS PERFORMANCE OF 747-8 IN MAIDEN FLIGHT

Boeing's largest-ever passenger jet completed its first flight on Sunday, taking off from Seattle's Paine Field for a nearly four-hour flight that exceeded expectations, according to company officials. "It was one of the cleanest first flights of a new airplane I've seen," said Capt. Mark Feuerstein, who piloted the 747-8 Intercontinental. "It just went perfectly.." [Read More](#)

#### DELTA MOVES NEARLY ALL FUEL HEDGES OUT OF U.S. BENCHMARK

U.S. crude oil has trailed the 27% rise in jet fuel, creating difficulties for U.S. airlines in managing energy costs. Delta has shifted nearly all jet fuel hedges away from U.S. crude oil. "[The U.S. crude benchmark] WTI, which is the instrument that many of us hedge in this market, has dislocated from Brent in terms of pricing," said Delta President Ed Bastian. JetBlue, Southwest and Virgin America have also voiced concern over the divergence between WTI and jet fuel prices..[Read More](#)

## ARGUS: BUSINESS FLIGHT ACTIVITY HOLDING STEADY

ARGUS TRAQpak data showed that February 2011 business aircraft flight activity essentially held steady with January levels. The data indicates February activity was 0.1% over January. By operational categories, the fractional segment saw a month-over-month increase of 3.3%, FAR Part 91 was essentially flat at 0.6%, and Part 135 charter activity was down 1.9% from January. By aircraft categories, the large and midsize cabin markets saw month-over-month increases, up 1.0% and 3.2%, respectively. Small-cabin and turboprop aircraft both saw decreases from the previous month, down 1.0% and 1.5%, respectively. Comparing February 2011 to February 2010, aircraft activity was down 0.5%. Part 135 and fractional activity decreased 8.7% and 3.0%, respectively. Part 91 activity saw a 5.8% increase year over year. Reviewing aircraft category results, large-cabin and midsize jets were up 2.5% and 1.3% in that order. The turboprop sector saw a 3.1% decrease from last February. Looking at individual market segments, Part 91 small-cabin jets showed a strong rebound in activity over last year with an increase of 10.3%.

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