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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
PCE102281	6802.8	6991	3377.6	122.4 HRS	For Lease

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VIDEO: MARTIN JETPACK - LATEST TESTS

Development of the Martin Jetpack is continuing in New Zealand, and the latest publicly released video shows it reaching new heights. However, that's a mannequin on-board and not a human pilot..[Watch Video](#)

AMERICAN REJECTS FLIGHT ATTENDANTS' "CASH ONLY" OFFER

The Association of Professional Flight Attendants says it made a "short-term, cash-only" offer to American Airlines for a 6% wage hike that would postpone all other issues for 18 months. "Unfortunately, the proposal did not address critical productivity

and benefits cost issues hindering American's ability to compete," said an American spokeswoman, noting that American's own proposal would increase wages by nearly 10% if accompanied by productivity hikes and healthcare reforms..[Read More](#)

CESSNA TAKES ORDERS FOR 30 AIRCRAFT AT SUN 'N FUN

Cessna announced that the company booked orders for 30 aircraft at the Sun 'n Fun Fly-in in Lakeland, Fla. "The opening days of Sun 'n Fun were very positive, and while the storm on Thursday interrupted that mood somewhat, the exhibitors and the crowds bounced back to finish the show strong," said Mark Paolucci, Cessna's senior vice president of sales and marketing..[Read More](#)

DELTA TO RESTART TOKYO HANEDA SERVICE IN JUNE

Under pressure from United Continental, Delta Air Lines says it will resume service to Tokyo's close-in Haneda Airport in June. Both Delta and American Airlines suspended Haneda service as demand dropped following Japan's March 11 earthquake, and regulations stipulate that takeoff and landing slots may be awarded to other carriers if service is not resumed within 90 days. Last year, United Continental lost out in a four-way contest for slots at Haneda, which is closer to downtown Tokyo than Narita, Japan's main international airport..[Read More](#)

AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 447 WRECKAGE FOUND

click for photos and video. The final resting place of Air France Flight 447, the Airbus 330-203 that was carrying 228 people out of Rio for Paris, when it crashed June 1, 2009, has been located in the deep sea, several hundred miles off Brazil's northeastern coast. BEA, the French investigative agency, Monday showed pictures of the aircraft's landing gear, two engines and a panel of fuselage. Investigators say bodies are also present at the site, some 3,900 meters below the surface of the Atlantic, and may be recovered. At the time of this report, the aircraft's flight recorders had not been located. Click through for images..[Read More](#)

VIDEO: AIR FRANCE A380 HITS CRJ WHILE TAXIING AT JFK

Extraordinary video images have emerged of an Air France Airbus A380 colliding with a Comair Bombardier CRJ700 during taxiing at New York JFK.

Air France has grounded the aircraft, which suffered damage to its left wing, while the CRJ has similarly been taken out of service with damage to its empennage..[Watch Video](#)

PILOTS UNION RECALL VOTE COULD SLOW UNITED-CONTINENTAL MERGER

The pilots union at United Airlines has postponed until Thursday a vote to recall Captain Wendy Morse, the union president viewed by some members as too conciliatory toward airline management. One Morse supporter says ousting her would lead to "mayhem" in contract talks aiming to integrate pilots from United and merger partner Continental Airlines..[Read More](#)

NASA AWARDS GREEN GRANTS

NASA is crystal balling about the future shape and performance of airplanes and has awarded more than \$16.5 million in research grants to four organizations with specific goals to make flight leaner, greener and more lightning-resistant. Of course, \$16.5 million won't result in any flyable developments but NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate in Washington says the wind-tunnel models and computer projections could result in technologies that will fly 20 to 30 years from now. "NASA refers to this time period as N+3, representing technology three generations more advanced than what is in service today," the agency said in a news release.. [Read More](#)

KAI CLOSES IN ON T-50 EXPORT DEAL WITH INDONESIA

Indonesia has selected Korea Aerospace Industries as the preferred bidder for its 16-aircraft advanced jet trainer requirement, paving the way for the first export sale of the T-50 Golden Eagle.. [Read More](#)

SEAWIND SAYS LATEST CERTIFICATION BID GOING WELL

According to a press release, Wednesday, Seawind LLC says it has 50 orders for its Seawind amphibian on the books, the design is frozen following successful flight tests and funding is needed to start assembling pre-production aircraft. Seawind says the design went to Ottawa a full year ago to begin flight tests and completed flutter tests there, last month. It plans to install a "stall prevention system" it says will prevent both stalls and spins and continue toward certification. The Seawind 300C is marketed as "the world's most versatile land plane" and "the world's fastest seaplane," but has faced significant challenges, including the loss of a test pilot in 2007.. [Read More](#)

IPAD COULD LIGHTEN PILOTS' LOAD BY MORE THEN 16 POUNDS

Alaska Airlines is testing the use of iPads in cockpits with a "select group of pilots," according to a company spokeswoman. The iPad, at 1.5 pounds, could replace laptop computers that weigh up to 18 pounds. Business jet charter provider Executive Jet has been approved to use iPads after conducting 250 successful certification flights.. [Read More](#)

FAA: AGING AIRCRAFT POLICY UNDER REVIEW

The FAA Wednesday announced it will review its approach to aging aircraft and metal fatigue, after a five-foot gash tore open in the top of a 15-year-old Southwest Airline 737-300, Friday. The agency issued a rule last November that was meant to prevent "widespread fatigue damage." That rule gave manufacturers five years to set inspection plans and allowed airlines six years on top of that to implement those plans.. [Read More](#)

PRIVATE PILOT NUMBERS DECLINE IN UK

The number of new private and commercial pilots in the U.K. has dwindled since 2003. "The financial downturn has hit this industry hard," said Martin Robinson, CEO of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association UK. Obtaining a private pilot's license in the U.K. typically costs about \$12,900.. [Read More](#)

FAA PLANS TEST OF IN-COCKPIT WEATHER DATA

The FAA is testing technology to bring real-time satellite weather data into airplane cockpits, a more effective storm-tracking technique than current radar. The satellite-based technology, part of the upcoming NextGen system, would be especially useful on transoceanic flights that take aircraft beyond the reach of ground-based radar, experts say. The search for a new technology became.. [Read More](#)

BOEING DELIVERS 2F-15K SLAM EAGLES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today announced that it delivered F-15K 47 and F-15K 48 to the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) at Daegu Air Base on March 15. The two F-15K Slam Eagles departed St. Louis on March 8 and made stops in Palmdale, Calif., Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and Anderson Air Force Base, Guam.. [Read More](#)

P&W ON A320NEO: MORE PRESSURE, LESS COOLING

Pratt & Whitney plans to boost the overall pressure ratio of its PW1100G geared turbofan engine for the A320neo to approximately 50:1, up 11% from the 45:1 ratio at takeoff for the PW1524G for the Bombardier CSeries, while further cutting the amount of parasitic cooling air for the turbines compared to the baseline CSeries engine.. [Read More](#)

F-35 FLIGHT TEST PROGRAM SHOWS PROGRESS IN FIRST QUARTER

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 4th, 2011 -- Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] F-35 Lightning II test jets made considerable flight test progress during the first quarter of 2011, conducting 199 test flights versus a plan of 142 flights. Additionally, the F-35B short takeoff/vertical landing (STOVL) variant logged six times more vertical landings in the first quarter than in all of 2010. The test program remained ahead of plan despite the grounding of various test fleet aircraft for 4-15 days during the period as officials investigated the cause of a dual generator/starter failure during a flight on March 9.. [Read More](#)

NTSB: SMOKE ALARM MALFUNCTION MAY HAVE CAUSED UAL EMERGENCY

A preliminary investigation by the NTSB has found no signs of smoke or fire on a United Airlines Airbus A320 that made an emergency landing in New Orleans after reporting a smoke alarm and instrument failure last week. "At this time, the preliminary examination has not revealed any signs of burning, indications of smoke or other anomalous system findings,".. [Read More](#)

U.S. STOPS HUNDREDS WITH TERRORIST TIES FROM BOARDING U.S.-BOUND FLIGHTS

Since the end of 2009, the U.S. has stopped more than 350 people suspected of having connections to terrorist groups from boarding commercial flights bound for the U.S., according to media reports. Tighter security rules were put in place after the attempted bombing of a commercial jetliner on Christmas 2009. "We've gotten better with our techniques and applying them predeparture, ensuring we're looking at as broad a section of potential risk as possible,".. [Read More](#)

EURO HAWK UNDERGOES TESTING AT EDWARDS AFB

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- The 772nd Test Squadron facilitated electromagnetic interference testing on a Euro Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle at the Benefield Anechoic Facility here March 10 and 11. Edwards workers teamed with Northrop Grumman Corporation employees and German government representatives to complete the testing..[Read More](#)

EMBRAER SEES A SOLID BUSINESS CASE FOR ITS KC-390 AIRLIFTER

Embraer has completed a 3D mockup of its KC-390 airlifter, envisioned as a jet-powered alternative to the venerable C-130. Embraer has partnered with the Brazilian government on the ambitious project, with a reported break-even point of 120 orders..[Read More](#)

AMERICAN AIRLINES AND EXPEDIA REACH AN AGREEMENT ON LISTINGS

American Airlines and Expedia resolved their dispute and are restoring the airline's fares to the online travel agency. "This is good news for both organizations," said Henry Hartevelt, a travel analyst at Forrester Research. "The good news for Expedia is that it has obviously regained the inventory of one of the largest airlines. And the good news for American is that it regained access to a travel agency that in 2010 accounted for more than 5% of its sales."..[Read More](#)

LOCKHEED ROLLS OUT FIRST SPECIAL OPERATIONS MC-130J COMBAT SHADOW II

MARIETTA, Ga., March 29th, 2011 -- Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] rolled out the first aircraft in a new fleet of MC-130J Combat Shadow IIs for the U.S. Air Force's Special Operations Command (AFSOC) during a ceremony here today. Lt. Gen. Donald C. Wurster, commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, was the keynote speaker at the event..[Read More](#)

NTSB ISSUES PRELIMINARY REPORT ON G650 CRASH

The flight-test Gulfstream G650 that crashed in Roswell, N.M., on Saturday "was performing a takeoff with a simulated engine failure to determine takeoff distance requirements at minimum flap setting" at the time of the accident, according to an NTSB preliminary report released this morning. The two test pilots and two technical specialists aboard were..[Read More](#)

ECLIPSE COMPLETES FATIGUE TESTING OF ECLIPSE 500

Eclipse Aerospace has completed fatigue testing of the Eclipse 500 and is in the process of getting this data together to submit to the FAA, company executive vice president Mike Press told AIN at the Sun 'n' Fun Fly-in last week. Once this data is submitted to the agency, Albuquerque, N.M.-based Eclipse will seek to increase the Eclipse 500's lifecycle..[Read More](#)

U.S. FATAL BIZAV ACCIDENTS DROP IN 1Q, BUT RISE GLOBALLY

The total number of U.S.-registered business turbine accidents in the first quarter of this year was one fewer than in the same period last year, but the number of fatalities in turboprop crashes increased. According to data compiled by AIN, nine jets and 11 turboprops were involved in accidents in the first quarter, compared with four jets and 13..[Read More](#)

REPORT: NO HAZMAT DECLARATION FOR LITHIUM BATTERIES ON CRASHED PLANE

The UPS 747 cargo plane that crashed in Dubai last September was carrying lithium batteries that had not been declared as hazardous cargo, according to a report from the Dubai government. Though the batteries weren't singled out as the cause of the fire that brought down the plane, the report is expected to focus international attention on safety issues surrounding such shipments..[Read More](#)

CHAIRMAN OF NETJETS RESIGNS FROM POSITION

NetJets Chairman David Sokol recently resigned from his position with Berkshire Hathaway. Sokol had ruffled feathers in general aviation when he canceled orders for hundreds of business jets from Gulfstream, Cessna and Hawker Beechcraft. CEO Jordan Hansell will take over as chairman for the fractional-ownership company, according to Sokol..[Read More](#)

GULFSTREAM G650 FLIGHT TESTS IN WAKE OF CRASH

The NTSB is leading the investigation into Saturday's fatal crash of Gulfstream G650 S/N 6002 during "performance tests" at Roswell (N.M.) International Air Center Airport. Those killed in the accident were test pilots Kent Crenshaw, 64, and Vivan Ragusa, 51, as well as technical specialists David McCollum, 47, and Reece Ollenburg, 48. Immediately following..[Read More](#)

EXECUTIVES DISCUSS CONSOLIDATION, PASSENGER AMENITIES

US Airways executives reiterated at an industry conference last week that they are in favor of more consolidation in the airline industry. President Scott Kirby also noted, however, that the carrier could not merge with an airline with a significantly lower cost structure. Meanwhile, executives also discussed..[Read More](#)

ANALYST: "GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC" ON BUSINESS JET RECOVERY

JPMorgan analyst Joseph Nadol said he is "guardedly optimistic" on a business jet recovery this year. "First quarter results start later this month and should bring an update on demand," writes Nadol. Prices for business jets remained flat in March after a slight uptick in used inventory..[Read More](#)

NETJETS PLACES FIRST-EVER BOMBARDIER ORDER

NetJets, the Berkshire Hathaway-owned fractional-share operator, completed a purchase agreement early last month for up to 120 new Bombardier Globals, a deal worth \$6.7 billion if all aircraft options are taken. Notably, this is NetJets' first order for

Bombardier business jets; previous large-cabin acquisitions by the fractional provider..[Read More](#)

24-YEAR-OLD PILOT RELISHES ROLE IN NAVY FOR "ADVENTURE"

Margan Melhorn, 24, recently graduated from training to become a Navy pilot. "Flying a helicopter every day is an adventure," Melhorn said. "You never know what's going to come your way." Melhorn studied aviation technology at Purdue University and will begin duty at North Island in San Diego..[Read More](#)

ALASKA AIR HEDGING PROGRAM SAVES \$400M, CFO SAYS

Alaska Air Group Chief Financial Officer Brandon Pedersen said the airline's hedging program has helped it save nearly \$400 million. He noted that the airline's hedging program has remained essentially unchanged since it was launched a decade ago. "Our program is really designed to be price-agnostic. We go into the market and buy at current prices, and what it is is what it is,"..[Read More](#)

EMBRAER EYES GLOBAL JET SEGMENT

In just two years, Embraer has moved from a minor player in the business jet market-garnering only 3 percent of market share by volume in 2008-to one that now corners almost one-fifth of deliveries in this segment, with 19 percent. The Brazilian aircraft manufacturer told AIN last year that it is seeking at least 30 percent by volume. Its in-development..[Read More](#)

11 AIR-TRAFFIC CENTERS SLATED FOR \$177 MILLION UPGRADE

The FAA will pay Raytheon \$177 million to upgrade display screens at 11 of the nations busiest air-traffic centers. The Stars upgrade, or Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System, provides processors and displays that help controllers better pinpoint the location of aircraft and storms..[Read More](#)

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