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Pratt & Whitney completes PW1100G-JM test engine

Pratt & Whitney has completed assembly of the first Airbus PurePower PW1100G-JM test engine. Over the next 2 years, Pratt and Whitney will subject the A320neo engine to eight tests as part of its assessment program. The engine's entry to service is expected in late 2015.



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Pratt & Whitney SVP-operations & engineering Paul Adams said the engine's "Geared Turbofan architecture is revolutionizing the single aisle marketplace with game changing benefits – reduced fuel burn, emissions, noise, and operating cost." Adams went on to say that the technology's benefits have been proven through rig, ground, and flight testing.

Pratt and Whitney currently has 1,136 firm orders for PW1100G-JM engines to power the neo. The company will build test engines at their West Palm Beach, Fla., and Middletown, Ct. facilities.

Boeing expects to add 7,200 aircraft to North American fleet over 20 years



Boeing reported last week that it expects North American fleets to grow by nearly 2,200 aircraft to 8,800 airplanes in the next twenty years. The aircraft manufacturer said it could even sell more than 7,200 aircraft as older, less efficient planes are being replaced. Forecasts indicate that there will likely be high demand for single-aisle planes between 2011 and 2031. In 2011, Boeing received orders

for over 900 new fuel-efficient single-aisle planes and the company anticipates air carriers will need roughly 5,000 new single-aisle aircraft during the full period. If one also takes into consideration the replacement of older, less, efficient planes, demand for single-aisle aircraft in North America could potentially increase from 3,730 last year to 6,090 in 2031.