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Record order totals posted for 737, 777 and 787 programs

New program launches also key 2005 highlight

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] recorded 1,002 net commercial airplane orders during 2005, setting a new Boeing record for total orders in a single year.

The 2005 total surpasses the previous Boeing record of 877 net orders in 1988, which includes both Boeing and then-McDonnell Douglas totals; the companies merged in 1997. Boeing posted 272 net orders for commercial airplanes in 2004. Gross orders in 2005, which exclude cancellations and conversions, totaled 1,029.

Three airplane programs - the 737, 777 and 787 programs -- also achieved individual records with net orders of 569 for 737s, 154 for 777s and 235 for 787s. Previous record totals for these programs were 438 737s in 1996, 116 777s in 2000, and 56 787s in 2004. The 747 and 767 programs also had a very successful sales year with 43 and 15 net new orders, respectively.

Boeing has posted its year-end orders information on its Orders and Deliveries Web site <http://active.boeing.com/commercial/orders/index.cfm>.

Orders finalized since the Dec 20, 2005 update include 68 737, 777 and 787 airplanes for Air India, 20 737s for China Southern Airlines, 10 737s for dba (formerly Deutsche BA), 6 737s for Hainan Airlines, 5 737s for Shanghai Airlines, 4 737s for China Eastern Airlines, 5 737s for Shenzhen Airlines, 4 737s for Westjet, 2 737s for Turkmenistan, 8 787s for Lcal and 2 787s for Continental Airlines.

In total, more than 72 different customers ordered Boeing airplanes in 2005, including passenger airlines, cargo carriers, leasing companies and private customers. The 2005 totals include 28 aircraft from customers who wish to remain unidentified as of Jan. 4, 2006.

"Clearly, 2005 was an incredible year for our customers and for Boeing," said Alan Mulally, Boeing Commercial Airplanes president and chief executive officer. "We continued to stay focused on bringing efficiency and value to the airlines of the world through world-class services and airplanes that fly passengers how they want to fly -- point-to-point, non-stop, with more frequencies and more choices."

"We also solidified the transformation of our product line, and the market validated our strategy with every order during the year," said Mulally. "Our new portfolio of airplanes from 100 to 450 seats, combined with our global support services, put us in a great position for the long term."

"We look forward to 2006 and continuing to meet our commitments to our customers," Mulally said.

Notable highlights for Boeing Commercial Airplanes in 2005:

- Launching the 747-8 Intercontinental, 777 Freighter, 737-900ER, and the 767-300 Boeing Converted Freighter -- and offering customers a larger Boeing Business Jet, the BBJ 3.
- Achieving firm configuration on the 787 Dreamliner and reaching several other major program milestones, including building the first composite fuselage sections and unveiling the 787 flight deck.
- Establishing a new world record with the 777-200LR Worldliner for distance traveled nonstop by a commercial airplane, demonstrating that this airplane can connect nonstop virtually any two cities in the world.
- Producing outstanding results in Commercial Aviation Services, which completed and delivered the first 747-400 Boeing Converted Freighter, and won new customers for the Electronic Flight Bag, Airplane Health Management and Maintenance Performance Toolbox. CAS also responded to increasing customer demand for around-the-clock support by opening its first integrated operations center.
- Continuing efforts to dramatically improve the quality and productivity of the Boeing production system, including completing the sales of the Wichita/Tulsa and Arnprior operations, which are now valued partners to Boeing and suppliers to the entire industry.
- Delivering the final 757, marking a successful 23-year passenger airplane program that sold more than 1,000 airplanes.
- Deciding to conclude production of the 717 while celebrating its legacy of introducing moving production lines to Commercial Airplanes.

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