



Boeing in the UK

Boeing has partnered with the United Kingdom for more than 80 years. Over that time, our UK workforce has grown to 3,000 employees – Boeing's largest European base – across more than 30 key Boeing and customer sites in three main business areas: commercial, defence and global services. We have a long-standing relationship with British industry, the armed forces and the air transport supply chain. Nearly 400 Boeing aeroplanes are operated in the UK, and more than 120 Boeing Chinook, Apache, Poseidon and C-17 aircraft provide battle-winning, life-saving capability to the UK armed forces. The UK is an important market, supplier base and source of some of the world's most innovative technology partners.

OUR COMMITMENT AND PARTNERSHIP



1938

A UK partner for more than 80 years



3,000

employees and 18,000 jobs in the Tier 1 Supply Chain



30

key Boeing and customer sites



500+

Boeing aircraft in the UK commercial and defence fleets



£100M+

spent promoting UK innovation since 2015



£3M

spent focused on STEM and veteran support projects since 2016

INVESTMENTS

Boeing has invested more than £300 million in major infrastructure projects in the UK since 2018, growing the local aerospace sector, creating jobs and driving innovation for mutual benefit.



£50M

at RAF Lossiemouth



£88M

for a new hangar and freighter conversion facility at London Gatwick



£40M

in the company's first European factory in Sheffield

DRIVING UK SUPPLY CHAIN COMPETITIVENESS AND MUTUAL PROSPERITY IN BRITAIN



£12B+

spent by Boeing with its UK supply chain since 2015



850+

UK companies attended Boeing supply chain events since 2016



27%

increase in bid opportunities for UK companies, the seventh year in a row above 20%



29

startup investments through Boeing's UK-based accelerator



2018

Office opened in Seattle to help UK companies export to Boeing in the US



6

strategic long-term research partnerships with universities across England and Scotland

BOEING IN THE UK

Our Presence

Boeing's partnership with the UK began more than 80 years ago. Today, Boeing has a UK workforce of 3,000 direct employees across more than 30 key Boeing and customer sites, from Lossiemouth to Gosport. They are engaged in all aspects of Boeing's business, from commercial and defence to aviation services and creating the technology of tomorrow.

The partnership is a growing one. In support of UK prosperity, Boeing announced a number of initiatives in July 2016, including a plan to double its employment in the UK and enhance the value of the aerospace sector by expanding and developing its domestic supply chain. In 2017, Boeing activities supported a third more jobs in the UK than five years before. Boeing has spent more than £12 billion with UK suppliers since 2015.

The company has more than 300 UK suppliers and strategic partnerships with six universities: Bristol, Cambridge, Cranfield, Sheffield, Southampton and Strathclyde. Notably, Boeing co-founded with the University of Sheffield and continues to support the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre. Boeing has continued to invest and grow in South Yorkshire with the opening of Boeing Sheffield in 2018. In 2021, Boeing opened a major R&D programme with the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland in Glasgow, part of its new Boeing Scotland Alliance. Boeing's Office of UK Industrial Collaboration (OUKIC) in Seattle brings UK companies to the US to make them aware of and better positioned to bid for major export opportunities. In 2012, Boeing became the first company to sign up to the Ministry of Defence's Defence and Security Industrial Engagement Policy. In January 2020 Boeing launched a UK-based accelerator for startup companies, with 29 startups receiving investment and firsthand access to strategists and technical experts since then.

Boeing Commercial Airplanes

Boeing has a long history of success with UK airlines. Ryanair, an Irish airline with a significant presence in the UK, operates Europe's largest fleet of 737-800s, and has ordered more than 200 new planes. In 2019, British Airways, the national carrier, announced a commitment to purchase as many as 42 777X aeroplanes.

The 787 is making a major contribution to delivering sustainable aviation growth in the UK and has entered into service with British Airways and Virgin Atlantic Airways. Several major UK aerospace companies play a significant part in the 787, including Rolls-Royce, whose engines comprise 25 percent of the aircraft's value.

Boeing is also partnering more closely with the UK through its first manufacturing facility in Europe in Sheffield.

UK employees supply their US counterparts at Boeing Portland with components for trailing edge actuator systems for 737 and 767 aircraft. The 6,200-square-metre Boeing Sheffield facility is located alongside the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, which Boeing founded in 2001 with the University of Sheffield.

Boeing Global Services

Boeing has invested £88 million in a new hangar for commercial aviation maintenance customers at London Gatwick Airport. The hangar also houses a new Boeing Converted Freighter line. Near the site of the new hangar Boeing Flight Services runs a flight and technical training centre for flight crew and maintenance personnel. The centre trains pilots and technicians from airlines across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The current 4,900-square-metre facility houses classrooms, fixed training devices, eight full-flight simulators and an exclusive 787 training suite. It is the largest Boeing training site outside the United States.

Boeing Defence UK

Boeing delivers leading-edge technology, products, services and capabilities to bring the best value to the Ministry of Defence and national security services.

Boeing platforms in service with British armed forces include the Apache attack helicopter, Chinook heavy-lift helicopter, C-17 military transport aircraft and Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft. Boeing is delivering the Wedgetail AEW Mk 1 airborne early warning and control aircraft from a modification facility in Birmingham.

Boeing provides long-term support and sustainment for aircraft in service with the UK armed forces. Through the C-17 training contract at Farnborough and Gladiator programme at RAF Waddington, we are at the forefront of integrating technology into training for the crews that operate the aircraft. Working closely with the Ministry of Defence, we are exploring the utility and feasibility of autonomous and synthetic capabilities that can be added to existing and future fleets and tailored to UK requirements.

In 2007, Boeing established The Portal, a state-of-the-art centre providing customers a real-time, dynamic environment using the latest in modelling, simulation, analysis and experimentation. Boeing conducts research and analysis for a number of UK government agencies, from the Ministry of Defence to the NHS.

Subsidiaries

Boeing has a number of subsidiaries in the United Kingdom. In 2021, the Red Arrows began using a suite of digital flight performance, planning and management tools from Boeing subsidiaries.

Commercial



Nearly 400 Boeing aircraft operated in the United Kingdom

Defence



More than 120 Chinook, Apache, Poseidon and C-17 aircraft operated by the UK armed forces

Services



Commercial aviation services for customers across Europe

A HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP



1938

British government buys North American Harvard aeroplanes for reconnaissance and training.



1944

More than 1,000 DC-3s and C-47s airlift paratroopers across the English Channel on D-Day.



1960

British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) introduces the 707 on its London-New York service.



1971

BOAC operates its first 747 flight between London Heathrow and New York.



1991

RAF Chinooks participate in Operation Haven, airlifting humanitarian aid to Kurdish refugees in Turkey.



2001

The C-17 Globemaster III is formally accepted into RAF service.



2013

The first 787 Dreamliner for a UK airline arrives at Manchester following its delivery flight from Seattle.



2018

Boeing opens its first factory in Europe in Sheffield.



2019

The RAF takes delivery of the UK's first P-8A, to be stationed at RAF Lossiemouth



2020

Boeing and the Scottish Enterprise sign the Boeing Scotland Alliance, a strategic agreement for economic growth



2021

Boeing's EcoDemonstrator visits the UK for the first time, landing at Glasgow and showcasing new technologies towards a more sustainable future



2022

The first aircraft is inducted into the Boeing Converted Freighter line at London Gatwick Airport