Boeing has partnered with France for more than 60 years. In 1955, Air France became the first airline outside the United States to enter the jet age on the wings of a 707. Today, Boeing enjoys a strong relationship with Air France, Transavia France and a number of other leading commercial airlines. Boeing has sold nearly 290 airplanes to French carriers. Over the years, Boeing has entered into a growing number of partnerships with the French aerospace industry, with direct sales to Boeing valued at $6.3 billion in 2017. Boeing has also provided equipment to French military forces, which currently own and operate four AWACS and 14 KC-135 refueling aircraft.

**OUR COMMITMENT AND PARTNERSHIP**

- **1955**
  - Year of first aircraft delivery to France (707)
- **737**
  - The platform operated by Transavia France, a 100% Boeing fleet
- **4**
  - AWACS operated by the French Air Force
- **70+**
  - 777 aircraft operated by Air France
- **100+**
  - French suppliers involved in Boeing programs
- **14**
  - KC-135 refueling aircraft belonging to the Strategic Air Force Command

**INVESTMENTS**

Boeing’s investments in France have helped grow the local aerospace sector, creating jobs and driving innovation for mutual benefit.

- **No. 1**
  - Export source for French aerospace suppliers
- **$6.3B**
  - Partnership value with French industry in direct sales to Boeing
- **35,240**
  - Direct and indirect jobs linked to partnerships in 2017

**COMMUNITY GIVING**

Boeing is proud to support important causes, such as aerospace education in France through our work with nonprofit organization Fédération Léo Lagrange.

- **2015**
  - Year of initiative launch with Fédération Léo Lagrange
- **11 to 15**
  - Ages of teenagers benefiting from the program
- **1,600**
  - Participants based all over France
from an analog to a digital flight deck and benefiting from an improved satellite tactical data link. The upgrade program began in 2019 and will be completed by the end of 2024.

France also owns and operates 14 KC-135 aircraft. This fleet belongs to the Strategic Air Forces Command, refueling a number of aircraft types for long-range missions. In 2014 and 2015, four French KC-135s flew to Boeing San Antonio for a series of avionics upgrades and updates to keep the aircraft compliant with Global Air Traffic Management standards.

### Boeing Global Services

In 2018, Boeing and Safran announced the creation of Initium Aerospace, a joint venture to design, build and service auxiliary power units (APU). Initial work is being done in San Diego, where they are focused on the next-generation APU design as well as collaborating with teams across Boeing and Safran on engineering and production.

Also in 2018, Boeing acquired KLX Aerospace Solutions, a major global provider of aviation parts and services in the aerospace industry. The offices in Senlis and Toulouse bring the number of Boeing employees in France to over 100. In February 2019, KLX, now fully integrated with Boeing Global Services, was renamed Boeing Distribution Services Inc.

### Boeing Research & Technology

In 2016, Boeing France announced its membership in EMC2, an industrial cluster of more than 330 companies, based in Nantes, dedicated to advanced manufacturing. Boeing and EMC2 members primarily concentrate their work on materials and manufacturing, with a particular focus on automation.

### Boeing Defense, Space & Security

For more than 50 years, Boeing has provided equipment to French military forces. In 1990, France ordered four AWACS to meet its airborne surveillance and control requirements. In 2010, a contract was signed to upgrade the aircraft and the fleet’s ground system. In 2017, Air France Industries selected Boeing to expand the capabilities of the French AWACS fleet, including moving

### Commercial

- Air France (777s, 787s)
- Transavia France (737s)
- Corsair (747-400s)
- ASL Airlines France (737s)
- XL Airways/La Compagnie (757-200s)
- Air Austral (737s, 777s and 787s)
- Air Tahiti Nui (787s)

### Defense

- 14 KC-135
- 4 AWACS

### A History of Partnership

- **1955**
  - Air France is the first non-U.S. airline to order the Boeing 707

- **1964**
  - The French Army orders first KC-135 refueling aircraft

- **1974**
  - Boeing selects Safran Aircraft Engines and GE as sole source to power all 737s

- **1990**
  - The French Army orders four AWACS surveillance aircraft

- **2005**
  - Launch of the Boeing French Team, a group of excellence composed of privileged suppliers

- **2016**
  - Air France welcomes first 787 and 707
  - Boeing joins EMC2, an industrial cluster in Nantes dedicated to advanced manufacturing

- **2018**
  - Boeing and Safran create Initium Aerospace to jointly design, build and service APUs

- **2019**
  - KLX becomes Boeing Distribution Services Inc. and their two French sites become part of Boeing France