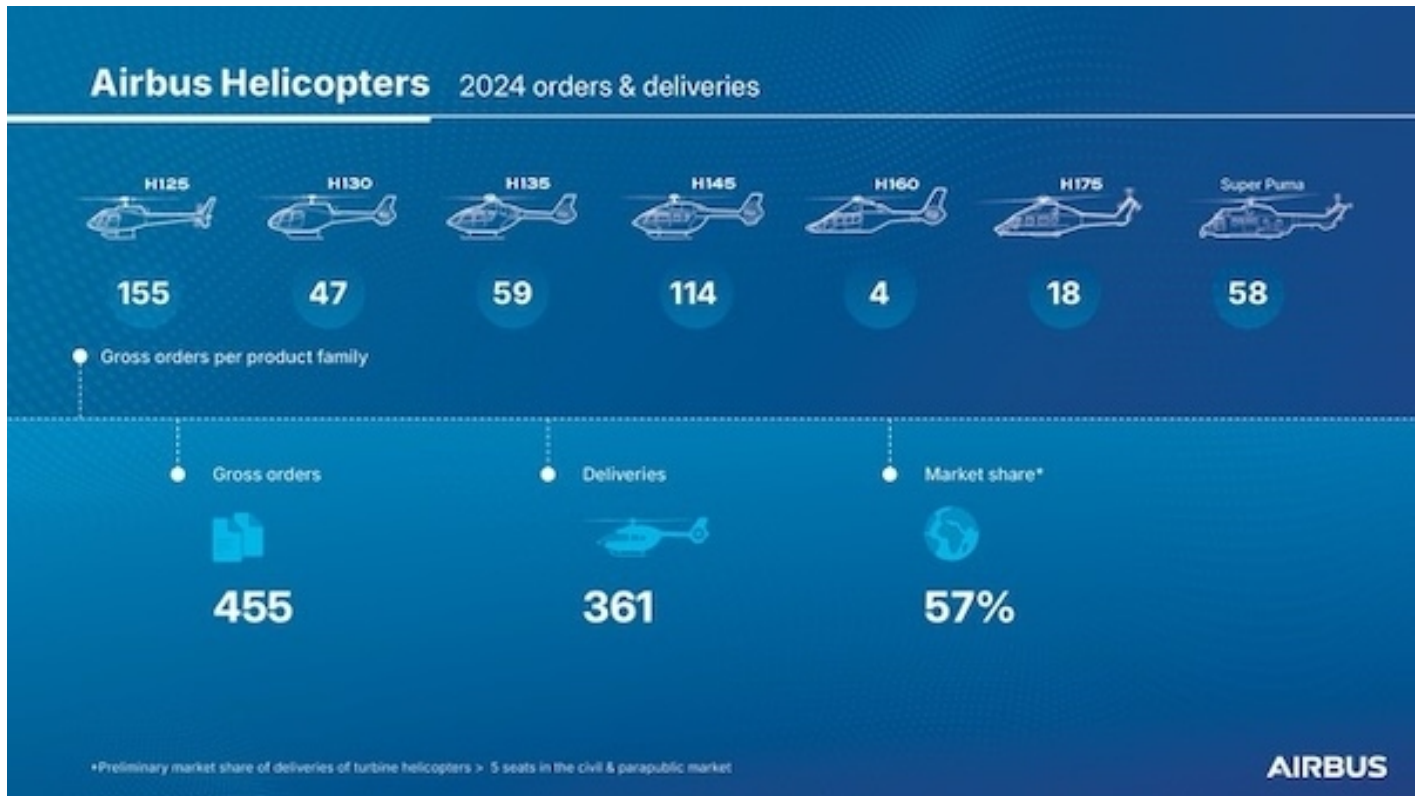




AIRBUS SEES CONTINUED GROWTH IN HELICOPTER SALES IN 2024

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Airbus Helicopters logged 455 gross orders (net: 450) in 2024, highlighting a steady market growth with a strong performance this year for its light, light twin-engined, and heavy helicopters. The orders came from 182 customers in 42 countries. The Company delivered 361 helicopters in 2024, resulting in a preliminary 57% share of the civil and parapublic market.

Bruno Even, CEO of Airbus Helicopters commented: “Airbus Helicopters’ order intake in 2024, with an increase bordering 10 percent in units for the second year in a row, highlights its stable growth in a complex global environment. I would like to thank our customers for continuing to place their trust in Airbus Helicopters in 2024,” he added.

The Super Puma programme performed strongly on both the civil and parapublic and military markets with 58 orders thanks to the German Bundespolizei, the Japan Coast Guard, the Ministry of Defence of the Netherlands, and the Romanian Ministry of National Defence. 2024 saw the launch of a comprehensive upgrade, known as Block 1, for the NH90 as well as the start of flight testing for France’s Special Forces Standard 2 configuration, and the delivery of the first Standard 3 configuration to the Spanish Air Force. The H145 and H145M programme welcomed many new defence and security customers such as the Brunei Air Force, the Belgian Ministry of Defence, the Indonesian Air Force, the Bahraini Police Aviation Command as well as the Irish Ministry of Defence.

Defence and security is a strategic priority at Airbus Helicopters. We are proud to support our customers with helicopters that enable them to protect and serve their nations as we saw in 2024 with the U.S. National Guard’s Lakota supporting disaster relief efforts after Hurricane Helene and the H135 and NH90 in the flooding in Valencia, Spain. We continue to innovate and expand the mission capabilities that we offer - we integrated Flexrotor into our UAS portfolio, we demonstrated crewed - uncrewed teaming capabilities with the VSR700 and an H130, and we are laying the groundwork for the European Next Generation Rotorcraft through dedicated concept studies.”

2024 saw the first flight of Racer and the unique compound helicopter surpassed its 407 KM an hour objective in just seven flights along with the maiden flight of CityAirbus NextGen in Donauwörth. On the civil and parapublic market, the H175 completed its de-icing flight test campaign in Canada and Norway ahead of certification this year and the H160 continued its progressive entry into service around the world with more than 30 helicopters now in service.

“Supporting our customers is essential and our global footprint is a key element to achieving that. We celebrated several milestones in 2024 that attest to that - firstly the 40 years of our facility in Fort Erie, Canada. This proximity will be important for our landmark contract for the 19 H135s that will be delivered to our first Canadian defence customer. Secondly, we marked fifty years of presence in the UK and inaugurated a brand new facility in Oxford. We will continue to grow our international footprint with the addition of an H125 final assembly line in India in partnership with TATA,” Even continued.

The Company also ramped up the use of sustainable aviation fuel for its own development test flights and training flights in Marignane, Albacete, and Donauwörth to nearly 20%, and added the use of SAF at its facility in Oxford, UK.

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