ITALY DOUBLES ORDER FOR M-346 JET TRAINERS

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Italy has placed a follow-on order worth €300 million ($336 million) for an additional nine Aermacchi M-346 advanced jet trainers.

The deal doubles the number of Honeywell F124-powered aircraft ordered for the Italian air force, which uses the designation T-346A. Delivery of the new trainers is to begin this year and will be complete by 2018.

Asset Image

Aircraft type unknown

Italian air force

The contract also includes logistics support and a further, unspecified development effort for a wider integrated training system. The latter includes the digital training aids and simulators located at Lecce-Galatina air base.

A total of 68 M-346s have now been ordered by four nations: Italy (18), Israel (30), Poland (8) and Singapore (12).

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