



UK ACCEPTS SEVENTH AIRBUS A400M

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[Airbus](#) Defence and Space today welcomed the decision of the **UK** Ministry of Defence to declare that the key contractual milestone known as In-Service Delivery (ISD) has been met following the handing-over of its seventh [Airbus](#) **A400M** new-generation airlifter.

The transfer of the aircraft, known as Atlas in UK service, means that the Royal Air Force now has four A400Ms in day-to-day service at Brize Norton and three undergoing installation and testing of the UK-specific Defensive Aids Sub-System (DASS).

Operating data shows that the RAF A400M fleet is achieving excellent in-service results, and will pass 1,000 hours flying this month, with the first RAF aircraft about to become the A400M global fleet leader in terms of flight-time. The aircraft are achieving a mission success rate in excess of 90%.

The RAF's Deputy Commander Capability, Air Marshal Sir Baz North said: "This significant milestone is an important achievement in the A400M Atlas' contribution to the Royal Air Force's operational air transport inventory. Over the last 5 years the service has been able to recapitalise its air transport Fleets into an agile and adaptable capability, delivering a modern and highly

reliable Air Mobility force for UK defence.”

Richard Thompson, Head of Military Aircraft UK, Airbus Defence and Space said: “We have been steadily building a robust and stable Atlas operation at Brize Norton which is showing extremely promising results. Now we are absolutely focused on delivering the enhanced [military](#) capabilities that will enable the aircraft to fulfill its full potential.”

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