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Air India Goes 20/20 With Airbus A350-900 & -1000



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Via data observed in the [Airbus Orders & Deliveries](#) spreadsheet, it has emerged Air India has now gone 20/20 with their A350-900 & -1000 orders. Previously, the order was for six -900s and 34 -1000s, as part of their major blockbuster order made earlier [this year](#), but things have changed.

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On the Airbus side of the blockbuster order made back in February, this was dissected into the following:

- 140 A320neos.
- 70 A321neos.
- 34 A350-1000s.
- 6 A350-900s.

The A350-900 and -1000 order alteration isn't the only one that they made with the European planemaker.

As Richard Schuurman at [AirInsight](#) rightly notes, Air India has swapped 70 A320neo aircraft on order to the A321neo, which means that the order now looks like this instead:

- 70 A320neos.
- 140 A321neos.
- 20 A350-1000s.
- 20 A350-900s.

Of course, it is unclear why the orders have been swapped around, but it clearly fits within what the Indian carrier wants out of these next-generation aircraft.

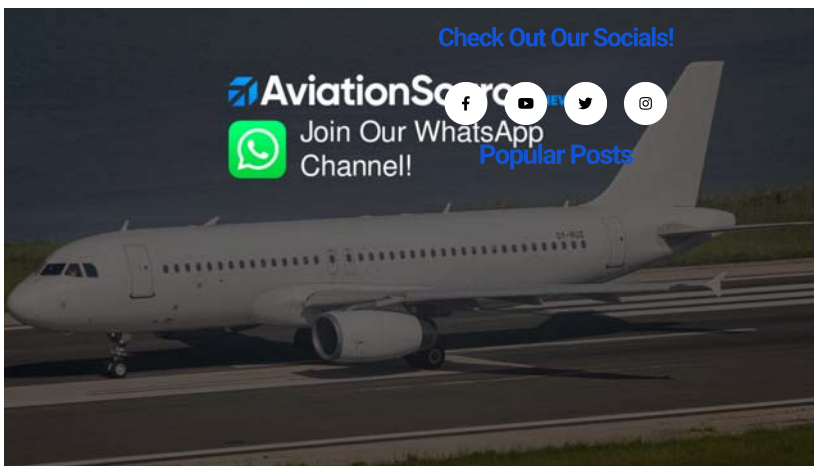
The changeover into -900s could produce a little bit of a blow to Airbus on the -1000 side of the equation, following the criticism given to the variant by [Emirates President Sir Tim Clark over engine reliability issues](#).

On the Air India side of the equation, it is unclear whether this reason is the same or not.

What remains clear is that there is clearly a change of tact going on at the Indian carrier, and it will be interesting to see if more alterations are made going into the future.



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