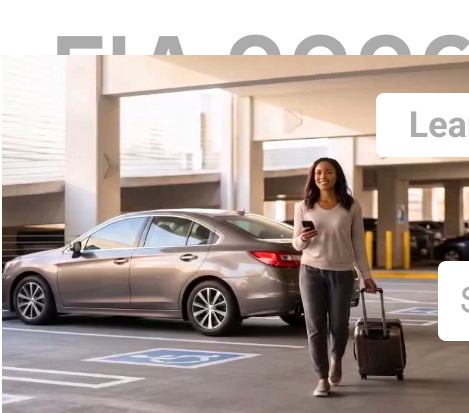




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FARNBOROUGH — Farnborough International Airshow (FIA) 2026 closed its commercial business days with more than 300 firm aircraft deals, but the raw total tells only part of the story. The week was as much about securing production capacity in the 2030s and revealing previously booked business as it was about signing new orders at the show.

Aviation Week counted 304 firm commercial aircraft orders across the first four days. Other totals were higher because they used broader definitions. AirInsight counted 432 aircraft when options, purchase rights, memoranda of understanding (MoUs), letters of intent, and freighter conversions were included. It said 203 of those aircraft were tied to deals already in manufacturer backlogs, leaving 229 newly announced transactions under its methodology.

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That difference is not bookkeeping trivia. It shows why an airshow total cannot be treated as a single block of new firm business. It also reinforces the argument in [Airways' pre-show analysis of constrained delivery slots](#): with popular narrowbody and widebody positions extending well into the next decade, access to future production capacity matters more than winning a short-lived airshow tally.

Stay tuned for final thoughts from our correspondents on the grounds at FIA2026.

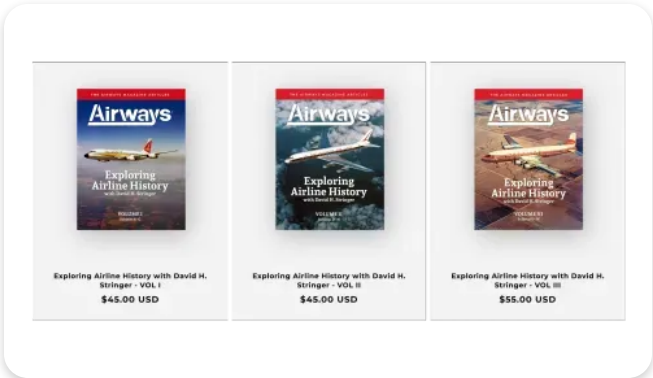


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