

Bombardier Aerospace, Belfast

Bombardier Aerospace, Belfast is an integral part of the world's third largest civil aircraft manufacturer which is a leader in the commercial and business aircraft markets. With some 5,000 employees and more than a century of aviation experience, Bombardier Belfast is the largest manufacturer in Northern Ireland and produces around 10 per cent of Northern Ireland's manufacturing exports.

Since acquiring Short Brothers plc in 1989, Bombardier has invested almost £1.6 billion to help ensure that its UK operation is at the leading edge of aerospace technology. Bombardier Belfast is a centre of excellence for the design, manufacture and support of large aircraft structures, including fuselages, wings, engine nacelles and flight control surfaces in metal and advanced composites. It has some 40 years' experience in the composites field and has been developed as the centre of excellence for composites within Bombardier.

The Belfast operation plays a major role in all of Bombardier's families of business and commercial aircraft, including having responsibility for the design, development and manufacture of the advanced composite wings for Bombardier's new *CSeries* family of commercial aircraft. In addition, Bombardier Belfast produces aircraft structures and nacelles for other international manufacturers, including Airbus and Rolls-Royce. It has around 800 approved suppliers across the UK and Ireland.

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