
Air France and KLM to swap upcoming aircraft orders

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On June 28, [The Air France-KLM Group](#) announced that it will effectively swap the remaining firm 787 and A350 orders of [Air France](#) and [KLM](#). The move is to optimize the fleet efficiencies of both airlines through "harmonization and accelerated growth of similar aircraft," according to a press release.

Between 2021 and 2023 the six remaining 787s ordered for Air France will be transferred to KLM, and the seven A350-900s on order for KLM will likewise be transferred to Air France.

Air France currently operates nine 787-9s with an additional aircraft scheduled to arrive in May 2020. The carrier will receive its first A350-900 in September of this year. With an additional 20 on firm order and the seven A350-900s initially intended for KLM, the airline is expecting 28 of the aircraft in total.

KLM, on the other hand, operates thirteen 787-9s and will receive its first 787-10 in June. The six 787s originally intended for Air France will be added to the 21 aircraft the airline will operate by the end of 2020, bringing the number to a total of 27 aircraft.

Options for further fleet development at Air France within the Air France-KLM group is currently under study, in consultancy with all stakeholders.

"This is the first step towards harmonizing and simplifying the Air France-KLM Group fleet at its two major airlines," said Benjamin Smith, CEO Air France-KLM, in a statement from the company.