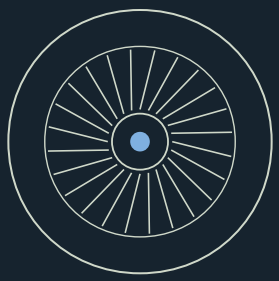
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Part One

History (H)

[H1] A Simplified Chronology of Early Turbojet Development

Source: Ian Whittle, Cambridge University Engineering Department, www-g.eng.cam.ac.uk/millennium/achievements/whittle/Chronology.htm.

Read: The full chronology, 1872 to the post-war dispersal of German work.

Supports: The Whittle thesis-to-patent-to-Power-Jets sequence; the 1930 Air Ministry rejection; patent publication and German circulation; WU first run date; E.28/39 programme dates; the axial-versus-centrifugal development line; the German programme's course and post-war dispersal; Lyulka and the parallel national efforts.

Limitations: Compiled by Frank Whittle's son for a centenary project; a chronology, not an analysis; individual dates reflect the compiler's selection of sources.

[H2] Frank Whittle

Source: Cambridge University Engineering Department, 125th-anniversary history pages, www-g.eng.cam.ac.uk/125/1925-1950/whittle_history1.html.

Read: The full biographical article.

Supports: Whittle's RAF career, Cambridge years; Hawthorne's combustion work; Nimonic from Mond Nickel; E.28/39 design by George Carter in fifteen months; the 1943 Churchill demonstration; the aircraft's presence in the Science Museum since 1946; Whittle's health and honours.

Limitations: An institutional commemoration; celebratory in tone; technical claims are summary-level.

[H3] Marking the 75th anniversary of Whittle's first jet engine

Source: Institution of Mechanical Engineers, imeche.org, 30 April 2012 (with Whittle's own account of the first run).

Read: The full article, including the quoted passages from Whittle's memoir.

Supports: Whittle's birth, apprenticeship applications and medical rejection; the Cranwell thesis and its October 1929 update; Griffith's dismissal; the 16 January 1930 patent filing, 1932 publication and 1935 lapse for £5; Power Jets' formation and the Four Parties Agreement; the 12 April 1937 first run on diesel oil and the runaway to 8,000 rpm; the verbatim "air-raid siren" quotation used as epigraph and in chapter 14.

Limitations: Anniversary journalism resting on Whittle's memoir; the memoir is the primary source and is written in hindsight.

[H4] Jet Propelled Flight

Source: Royal Air Force, raf.mod.uk.

Read: The full page.

Supports: E.28/39 first flight 15 May 1941 from RAF Cranwell, Gerry Sayer piloting; seventeen-minute flight; top speed around 370 mph at 25,000 ft in trials.

Limitations: A service's public-history page; brief.

[H5] Early Gas Turbine History

Source: MIT Gas Turbine Laboratory, gas-turbine-lab.mit.edu.

Read: The full page.

Supports: The piston engine's late-1930s refinement and approaching limits; the supercharger lineage; the state of gas-turbine knowledge at the moment of invention; He 178 as first true jet flight, 27 August 1939.

Limitations: An educational summary; no primary documentation.

[H6] Comet Failure / G-ALYV investigation

Source: FAA Lessons Learned, faa.gov (de Havilland Comet 1 G-ALYV), corroborated by RAF Museum, rafmuseum.org.uk ("Comet Failure", 2021).

Read: Both full pages.

Supports: The Comet's 1952 service entry; the 1953-54 fatal accidents and grounding; the water-tank fuselage testing; pressurisation-cycle metal fatigue at window corners as cause; the investigation's effect on design philosophy (fail-safe, damage tolerance, inspection regimes); the redesigned Comet's long subsequent service.

Limitations: Safety-education summaries; the primary accident reports are more detailed.

[H7] The Flight That Changed Everything (707)

Source: Smithsonian Air & Space Magazine, smithsonianmag.com, 15 January 2019.

Read: The full article.

Supports: Boeing's $16M Dash 80 private bet; the 707's October 1958 Pan Am service entry; journey-time collapse (New York–London to seven hours); the 707's cultural effect; JT3/J57 lineage with the KC-135.

Limitations: Magazine history; some figures are rounded retellings.

[H8] Superjet Challenges

Source: Pan Am Historical Foundation, exhibits.panam.digital.

Read: The full exhibit pages.

Supports: Juan Trippe's ordering method; the 1966 order of twenty-five 747s; the 747's development pressures; the freighter-nose/hump design history.

Limitations: A foundation exhibit; Pan Am–centred perspective.

[H9] Rolls-Royce Limited (Hansard, 8 February 1971)

Source: UK Parliament, api.parliament.uk, House of Commons debate of 8 February 1971 on the Rolls-Royce bankruptcy (declared 4 February 1971).

Read: The debate record.

Supports: The bankruptcy's date and circumstances; the nationalisation of the aero-engine and marine businesses; the car division's separation; ministerial statements on the RB211, TriStar, Concorde's Olympus 593 and the Derby workforce.

Limitations: Parliamentary speech, not audited accounts; the RB211's Hyfil fan-blade failure is corroborated elsewhere ([H12], [S2]-era trade coverage).

[H10] "What fools would sell us their secrets?"

Source: key.aero, 11 May 2017.

Read: The full article.

Supports: The 1946-47 Nene/Derwent sale to the USSR: Stalin's remark, Attlee's approval and reasoning, the factory tours, Klimov's soft-soled shoes and the pocketed blade, £364,000 for 55 engines; RD-45/RD-500/VK-1 copies; MiG-15 first flight on a Nene, 30 December 1947; Soviet alloy work and the sub-hundred-hour service lives.

Limitations: An enthusiast-press long read, well-sourced but not peer-reviewed; the Stalin quotation is traditional.

[H11] Guillaume's 1921 turbojet patent

Source: Google Patents, FR534801A (Maxime Guillaume, 1921).

Read: The patent record and abstract.

Supports: The existence, date and axial-flow arrangement of the earliest serious turbojet patent; never built.

Limitations: A patent proves a design existed on paper, not feasibility or influence.

[H12] Timeline of jet power

Source: Wikipedia, "Timeline of jet power".

Read: The full timeline.

Supports: Orientation dates across the history: Brayton 1872, Elling 1903, Campini 1940, Jendrassik, the pulsejet V-1, Olympus 593's inlet compression share, the 1980s unducted fan, the JT8D generation, nuclear aircraft programmes, Concorde's service years.

Limitations: A tertiary source; used for orientation and cross-checking, never as sole support for a load-bearing claim.

[H13] Heinkel (von Ohain) HeS 3B Turbojet Engine, Reproduction

Source: National Air and Space Museum, airandspace.si.edu.

Read: The full object page.

Supports: Von Ohain's 1933 start; the separated compression/expansion concept; the partially functioning model; employment by Heinkel; hydrogen-fuelled HeS 1 running in early 1937; HeS 3B evolution in 1938 with internal gasification; the 27 August 1939 He 178 flight; engine specifications (992 lbf at 11,000 rpm, 360 kg, centrifugal with axial inducer, reverse-flow annular combustor, radial turbine); the MTU-built reproduction for the Deutsches Museum.

Limitations: A museum label; the reproduction is non-working.

[H14] First flight by a jet-engined aircraft

Source: Guinness World Records, guinnessworldrecords.com.

Read: The full record page.

Supports: He 178, 27 August 1939, Marienehe, pilot Erich Warsitz; HeS 3b weight 378 kg; Me 262 entering service 1944; Meteor earlier but less capable.

Limitations: Record-keeping summary, not history; Meteor/Me 262 comparison is a simplification.

Part Two

Military & Experimental (M); Science & Engineering (S)

[M1] Junkers Jumo 004 Turbojet

Source: National Museum of the United States Air Force, nationalmuseum.af.mil.

Read: The full display page.

Supports: Jumo 004 architecture (eight-stage axial compressor, six straight-through combustion chambers, single-stage turbine); 1,980 lbf final production thrust; first flight test March 1942 under an Me 110; large-scale production from late 1944; more than 5,000 built by May 1945; Me 262 and Ar 234 applications.

Limitations: A museum label; production figures are period estimates.

[M2] Lockheed SR-71A / Pratt & Whitney J58

Source: National Air and Space Museum, airandspace.si.edu.

Read: The object and engine pages.

Supports: The J58's behaviour at Mach 3.2: continuous afterburner cruise, most thrust from inlet/bypass flow at speed; the engine-as-ramjet characterisation.

Limitations: Museum-level summary; detailed cycle numbers are classified-adjacent and simplified.

[M3] X-43A (Hyper-X)

Source: NASA, nasa.gov.

Read: The programme pages.

Supports: Scramjet operation; the November 2004 Mach 9.6 flight, fastest air-breathing flight; drop from a B-52 with rocket boost; the research-craft status of hypersonic air-breathing propulsion.

Limitations: Programme publicity; the "fastest" claim is category-qualified (air-breathing).

[M4] GE Aerospace XA102 design review

Source: GE Aerospace press release, 19 February 2025.

Read: The full release.

Supports: The adaptive-cycle programme's existence, the XA102's detailed design review in February 2025, the three-stream adaptive concept.

Limitations: A company announcement; procurement fate is political and undecided — flagged as open in the text.

[M5] Venus Aerospace rotating detonation engine flight

Source: Venus Aerospace press release via PR Newswire, 14 May 2025.

Read: The full release.

Supports: The May 2025 US flight of a rotating detonation rocket engine; the company's claim of a first American flight of the concept.

Limitations: A venture announcement; the "first" is the company's own; rocket (not air-breathing) application; the book labels the technology experimental throughout.

[S1] Brayton Cycle / jet propulsion basics

Source: NASA Glenn Research Center, Beginner's Guide to Propulsion, grc.nasa.gov/www/k-12/BGP/brayton.html and linked pages.

Read: The cycle pages and related component pages.

Supports: Brayton-cycle thermodynamics (constant-pressure heat addition); station numbering; component functions; propulsive-efficiency logic of bypass; thrust conventions.

Limitations: Educational simplification; ideal-cycle analysis, not engine-specific data.

[S2] The geared turbofan's development

Source: Machine Design, "Gears" / PW8000-era coverage, 1998, plus subsequent trade reporting of the two-decade, ~$10B development.

Read: The full articles available.

Supports: Star-gear architecture; the gearbox power-density problem; development duration and cost magnitude; service entry 2016.

Limitations: Trade journalism; cost figures are estimates repeated across the trade press.

[S3] "A Smash Hit" (ceramic matrix composites)

Source: GE News, 2017.

Read: The full article.

Supports: CMC operating temperatures around 2,400°F versus ~2,000°F alloy limits; one-third the weight; LEAP CMC shrouds as first structural ceramic parts in production; 14,000+ LEAP engines sold at >$200B list; the break-testing of CMC versus metal parts.

Limitations: A manufacturer's feature story; temperature and sales figures are the company's.

[S4] Single-crystal turbine blade technology

Source: MDPI, journal review 2504-4494/4/4/101 on single-crystal superalloy blades.

Read: The full open-access review.

Supports: The wrought→cast→directionally-solidified→single-crystal progression; grain boundaries as creep initiation; rhenium/ruthenium alloying; thermal barrier coating stacks (bond coat, alumina, YSZ); cooling-passage manufacture.

Limitations: A review article; specific alloy compositions remain proprietary.

[S5] JT9D fact sheet

Source: Pratt & Whitney, JT9D fact sheet (PDF).

Read: The full document.

Supports: JT9D thrust range from the low-40,000s toward 56,000+ lbf across variants; the 747 launch role; early ovalisation difficulties and maturation.

Limitations: A manufacturer's fact sheet; the difficulties are summarised gently.

[S6] Jet engine (encyclopaedia entry)

Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica, "jet engine".

Read: The full entry.

Supports: Overall pressure ratios 10-40 (some higher); turbine inlet temperatures 980-1,540°C; jet-fuel energy content ~43,370 kJ/kg; general architecture descriptions.

Limitations: A tertiary reference; ranges are broad and contemporary rather than model-specific.

Part Three

Commerce & Industry (C)

[C1] GE Aerospace Q4/FY2024 results

Source: GE Aerospace press release, geaerospace.com, 23 January 2025.

Read: The full release.

Supports: 2024 revenue $38.7B (GAAP); installed base of roughly 45,000 commercial and 25,000 military engines; the post-breakup pure-aerospace structure.

Limitations: Company-reported figures; segment detail beyond the release not examined.

[C2] Rolls-Royce Holdings 2024 full-year results

Source: Rolls-Royce, rolls-royce.com, 27 February 2025.

Read: The full release.

Supports: Underlying revenue £17,848m; operating profit £2.5bn; ~36% widebody fleet share; Ultrafan and Trent context.

Limitations: Company-reported; underlying (non-GAAP) measures are the company's definitions.

[C3] RTX engine issue will ground 350 planes per year through 2026

Source: Reuters, 11 September 2023.

Read: The full article.

Supports: Powder-metal contamination in GTF parts made 2015-2021; 600-700 engines for early removal/inspection; ~350 jets per year grounded through 2026; ~$3B charge.

Limitations: Snapshot of an evolving story; later groundings counts appear in [C8].

[C4] CFM56 — the best-selling engine in commercial aviation history

Source: Safran, safran-group.com.

Read: The full page.

Supports: 33,000+ CFM56 delivered; over one billion flight hours; the 50/50 GE–Snecma (Safran) venture since 1974; the near-cancellation and KC-135 rescue; the LEAP succession.

Limitations: A partner's marketing page; totals are programme-reported.

[C5] Most powerful commercial aircraft jet engine (GE9X)

Source: Guinness World Records, guinnessworldrecords.com.

Read: The full record page.

Supports: GE9X measured at 134,300 lbf on 12 July 2019.

Limitations: A test-stand record, category-qualified (commercial engines, test performance).

[C6] Fleet & MRO Market Forecast 2024-2034

Source: Oliver Wyman.

Read: The forecast summary and reported figures.

Supports: MRO demand ~$104B in 2024 rising to ~$124B by 2034; fleet ~28,400 aircraft growing toward ~36,400; shop-visit and aftermarket structure.

Limitations: Consultancy forecast; the future years are projections, labelled as such in the text.

[C7] Casting and forging supply constraint

Source: Boston Consulting Group analysis, July 2024.

Read: The full article.

Supports: Casting/forging capacity tightness; long lead times and qualification cycles; strategic-risk framing for material supply; concentration in few suppliers.

Limitations: Consultancy viewpoint; named-supplier detail not included.

[C8] Scrapyard reporting on the GTF fleet

Source: Reuters, 20 October 2025.

Read: The full article.

Supports: ~636 GTF-powered jets grounded (about a third of the fleet) versus ~4% for CFM; GTF spare-engine values around $20M and lease rates around $200k/month; a six-year-old A321neo parted out; used-serviceable-material dynamics.

Limitations: News reporting of a moving situation; figures are point-in-time.

[C9] MTU Aero Engines 2024 figures

Source: MTU Aero Engines annual reporting, 2024.

Read: The reported figures.

Supports: Revenue €7.5B; order backlog €28.6B; the partner-model economics.

Limitations: Company-reported.

[C10] Williams International history

Source: Williams International, williams-int.com history page.

Read: The full page.

Supports: The small centrifugal engine line from cruise missiles to very light jets; the company's niche.

Limitations: Company history; selective by nature.

Part Four

Frontiers (F); Environment & Regulation (E)

[F1] CFM RISE programme

Source: CFM International, cfmaeroengines.com RISE overview.

Read: The full page.

Supports: Open-fan architecture; >20% fuel-efficiency target; ~500 test campaigns; entry-into-service ambition in the second half of the 2030s.

Limitations: Programme publicity; certification and airline acceptance unresolved — stated as open in the text.

[F2] Airbus open-fan wind-tunnel work

Source: Airbus, 19 May 2025.

Read: The full announcement.

Supports: Airframer-level integration work on the open fan, publicised May 2025.

Limitations: Announcement of test activity, not a product commitment.

[F3] Rolls-Royce hydrogen engine test

Source: Reuters, 28 November 2022.

Read: The full article.

Supports: The AE 2100-A run on hydrogen, November 2022, described as a world first for a modern aero engine.

Limitations: Ground test of a converted turboprop; not a flight programme.

[F4] Airbus postpones hydrogen aircraft

Source: Reuters, 7 February 2025.

Read: The full article.

Supports: The postponement of the 2035 hydrogen airliner ambition, citing infrastructure and technology maturity.

Limitations: News report; the programme's future remains open.

[E1] ICAO Reduction of Noise at Source

Source: ICAO, icao.int.

Read: The full page and the Chapter-standard history.

Supports: The Chapters 2/3/4/14 sequence; Chapter 14's cumulative margin; Chapter 16 adopted 27 March 2026, 6 dB for large aircraft, applicable to new types from 2029.

Limitations: Standards text; national implementation varies.

[E2] ICAO CORSIA

Source: ICAO, icao.int, CORSIA pages.

Read: The full pages.

Supports: The offsetting scheme's structure and phase-in; the carbon-pricing context for efficiency economics.

Limitations: CORSIA is an offsetting scheme, not an emissions cap; the text says so by implication only — readers should note the distinction.

[E3] IATA 2024 record passenger traffic

Source: IATA, iata.org, 30 January 2025.

Read: The full release.

Supports: Record 2024 traffic (RPK +10.4%); record load factor 83.5%; SAF <0.5% of fuel burn; ~5 billion passengers.

Limitations: Industry-association statistics; SAF share is an estimate.

Part Five

The World the Engine Made (W); Operations (G)

[W1] ATAG Aviation: Benefits Beyond Borders 2024

Source: Air Transport Action Group, 2024 summary (PDF).

Read: The full summary.

Supports: 86.5M jobs supported, 11.6M direct; $4.1T GDP contribution; 4.4B passengers in 2023 with ~5B expected 2024; one-third of trade by value.

Limitations: An industry-advocacy synthesis; multiplier methodology is its own.

[W2] Jet fuel demand reporting

Source: Reuters jet-fuel market coverage.

Read: The full articles.

Supports: 2019 peak ~7.9M bpd; 2020 trough 4.7M bpd; 2024 forecast ~7.4M bpd.

Limitations: Market reporting; 2024 figure is a forecast.

[W3] IATA Value of Air Cargo

Source: IATA, iata.org.

Read: The full page.

Supports: >$8T of goods carried; ~33% of world trade by value; 280M+ cargo-tonne-kilometres.

Limitations: Association statistics; value-share methodology varies by year.

[G1] ETOPS (Boeing StartupBoeing / FAA framework)

Source: Boeing StartupBoeing ETOPS document (PDF).

Read: The full document.

Supports: ETOPS beginning over the North Atlantic in 1985; the 120- then 180-minute extensions; the 2007 generalisation of the 180-minute framework.

Limitations: A manufacturer's briefing; the rules' current form continues to evolve (LROPS/EDTO terminology).

Method

A Note on the Tags

Forty-six sources carry the book's load. The spread is deliberate: history rests on museums, institutions and the parliamentary record; engineering on NASA, a university laboratory, a peer-reviewed review and one encyclopaedia; commerce on company reports and Reuters; frontiers on programme announcements, each labelled as such where it appears in the text. Where two sources disagree — the Meteor/Me 262 capability comparison is an example — the book follows the more cautious reading and says so.

Claims in the book that rest on company announcements ([M4], [M5], [F1], [F2], [S3]) are framed in the text as announcements. Forecasts — the China chapter's outlook, the carbon chapter's mid-century shape — are labelled forecasts. No claim about a person, an accident cause, or a market figure rests on a single unread summary.

All web sources were retrieved on 1 November 2026. The book's figures were checked against these sources at writing; the world's figures will move.