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A320 Rolls Out

The picture above shows the "roll out" earlier this year of the A320. The dramatic event which is the airliners equivalent to a world premiere was accompanied by a laser light show, stage mist and film of the planets crossing the heavens! Airbus board chairman Dr. Franz-Josef Strauss hosted the occasion which was also attended by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Eight days later the No. 1 A320-100 made its maiden flight from Toulouse signalling the start of a 1,200 hour flight test programme.

The Dowty Rotol equipment has performed well. The only criticism on the landing gear is the ride quality during taxiing which will be improved by minor modifications to the shock absorber. The ram air turbine was deployed in the first flight and has been through a number of tests successfully.

As anticipated in the last newsletter the Company has now received further orders on this project bringing the total number of landing gear on order to over 100 aircraft sets.

