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Aerospace Products and Parts Manufacture

THIS INDUSTRY INCLUDES:

SIC CODES

3721	Aircraft
3724	Aircraft Engines and Engine Parts
3728	Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment
3761	Guided Missiles and Space Vehicles
3764	Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Propulsion Units and Propulsion Unit Parts
3769	Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Parts and Auxiliary Equipment, Not Elsewhere Classified

NAICS CODES

3364	Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing
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The US aerospace industry includes about 1,500 companies with combined annual revenue of \$125 billion. Large companies include Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, and General Dynamics. The industry is highly concentrated: the 20 largest companies account for more than 90 percent of industry revenue. Many companies work primarily as subcontractors to the five largest manufacturers.

Competitive Landscape

Demand is driven by the US military budget and the overall economic climate, which affects airline traffic and demand for new commercial aircraft. The profitability of individual companies depends on technical expertise and the ability to accurately price long-term contracts. Large companies enjoy economies of scale in design, manufacturing, and purchasing. Small companies can compete effectively by concentrating on selected components and parts manufacturing for particular prime contractors. Increasingly, small companies are developing system integration capabilities as large firms outsource more aspects of contracts. Production of aircraft and major aircraft components is highly automated with average revenue per employee over \$300,000.

Products, Operations & Technology

Major products are aircraft, including commercial, military, private and business planes; aircraft components, including engines, fuselages, interiors, and avionics; missiles and satellites; and space vehicles. Aircraft manufacturing accounts for over 50 percent of industry revenue, aircraft components for about 30 percent, missiles and satellites for about 10 percent, and space vehicles for less than 5 percent.

Boeing is the only US manufacturer for commercial aircraft, but outsources portions of its business to numerous subcontractors. Pri-

CRITICAL BUSINESS CHALLENGES

Volatility of Government Spending

Dependent in large part on federal government spending, the aerospace industry is cyclical by nature. The uncertainty of the annual government budgeting process, election cycles, and the ebb and flow of spending levels makes it unpredictable. In five of the last 15 years, annual production of aerospace products and parts fluctuated over 10 percent from the previous year.

- » The value of US manufacturer shipments of non-defense aircraft and parts rose 18.3 percent in the first 11 months of 2007 from a year earlier; defense aircraft and parts increased 3.8 percent.

Dependence on Air Travel

Commercial aircraft and parts production, which is twice as large as military aircraft production, depends highly on worldwide air travel. Air travel, in turn, depends greatly on general economic activity and security issues. Consumers reduce pleasure travel as prices rise, and business travel falls as security measures lengthen the time it takes to get to destinations. Reduced air travel decreases the need for new aircraft and changes existing orders from developed planes to newer, more efficient aircraft.

- » Air travel, a driver of demand for aerospace products and parts, is rising: US airlines carried slightly more than 646 million scheduled domestic passengers during the first 10 months of 2007, up 3.6 percent from a year ago.

vate and business aircraft are made by companies such as General Dynamics, through its Gulfstream subsidiary, and Cessna. Subcontractors specialize in producing assemblies for various systems, such as engines, fuselages, interiors, rotors, electronic and hydraulic control systems, avionics, and guidance systems.

The manufacturing process involves forming, forging, metal fabricating, painting, and finishing activities. These activities require greater precision and higher grade materials such as aluminum, titanium, and special steel

alloys, than in general manufacturing. Assemblies and systems are manufactured according to designs specified by the prime contractor, and often developed in tandem by the prime and subcontractor. Small contractors generally work for a specific prime contractor.

Manufacturing costs are dominated by the costs of materials and supplies, especially aluminum, titanium, and carbon and boron composites. Some materials are available from only a few suppliers. As such, the timing and pricing of some materials and commodities can fluctuate widely.

Technology is constantly changing in the industry. R&D expenses approximate 2 percent of company revenues. Systems development is especially important in the manufacture of guidance systems, communications, and space vehicles. Lockheed Martin and Raytheon both have business units devoted solely to electronic systems development. Aircraft are designed through Computer-Aided Design (CAD) that allows companies to design an entire aircraft, including its

components, by computer. Investment in Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAM) is common. Computer systems are critical for designing, testing, and operating aerospace products.

Sales & Marketing

The federal government, primarily the Department of Defense, is by far the largest customer. For example, 75 percent of Raytheon's revenue is from the federal government. Other end-customers include private airline and cargo transportation companies worldwide and telecommunication companies.

Commercial aircraft are generally sold fixed-price with indexed price escalation clauses. List prices for Boeing commercial aircraft can range from \$50 to \$200 million. Private jets list for \$6 to \$45 million depending on size.

Commercial airplanes are built and then modified by customer request. Airlines specify requirements for their needs including range, size, cargo, and seating arrangements, then invite manufacturers to submit bids. The testing and prototype stages can take years. Once in production, the manufacturing line can be active for years, with modifications made depending on changing specifications.

Government contracts are fixed-price, fixed-price incentive, or cost reimbursement. In the fixed-price incentive contract, the manufacturer shares with the government any savings or additional costs from the original contract price. A cost reimbursement contract allows costs plus a fee.

FAST FACTS

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Government contracts begin with an announced need for military aircraft, satellites, or missile systems, and specify various requirements. Aerospace companies submit bids detailing their solutions and designs as well as cost estimates. Firms may undergo substantial R&D to enhance their bid. Following negotiation, a contractor is selected and a prototype developed, built, and tested.

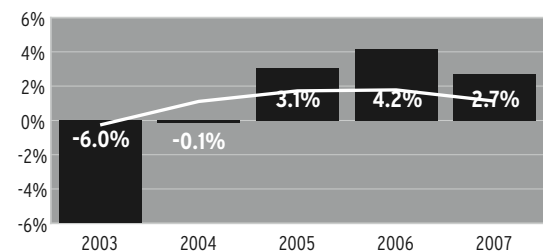
Once won, a government contract is conditional upon continuing availability of Congressional funding. Funds are appropriated on a fiscal year basis even though contract performance may extend over several years. If a contract is terminated due to lack of continued funding, the contractor is entitled to the purchase price for delivered items, reimbursement from the costs of work in progress, and a profit allowance.

Sales cycles can be long, so relationship building is important, as is having a voice on Capitol Hill. Though they're subcontractors, aircraft component manufacturers may also sell directly to airlines and the military to have their products specified in orders for new planes. Marketing consists primarily of establishing and using personal contacts with the relatively small number of customers. Aerospace companies advertise in aviation and defense publications and journals.

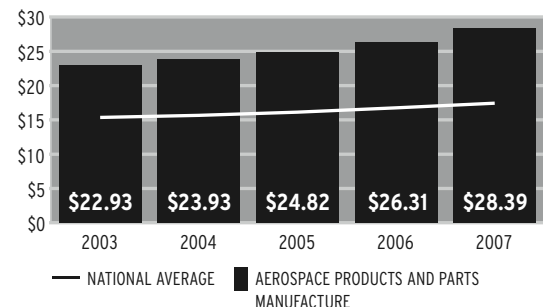
Human Resources

Production workers are highly skilled and include a large number of unionized workers and many engineers and scientists. Average hourly earnings for production workers are about 50 percent higher than the national average. About 30 percent of all workers in the aircraft and parts sector are unionized.

Industry Employment Growth



Average Hourly Earnings



SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Call Preparation Questions

How does the company manage the cyclical nature of government spending?

Dependent in large part on federal government spending, the aerospace industry is cyclical by nature.

How is the level of commercial air travel affecting the company?

Commercial aircraft and parts production, which is twice as large as military aircraft production, depends highly on worldwide air travel.

What challenges does the company face selling to foreign markets?

Sales outside the US are influenced by US government relationships and trade policies with specific foreign countries.

What opportunities does the company see in unmanned combat aerial vehicles?

Future generations of fighter jets will be robotic and pilotless vehicles that transmit signals through satellite relays to ground stations and piloted aircraft.

What opportunities does the company anticipate in the after-market industry?

As existing fleets age, emphasis is on maintenance and modernization, which are increasingly being outsourced.

Web Links

Aerospace Industries Association

Industry news, links, events, press releases, government issues.

www.aia-aerospace.org

Assembly Magazine

Industry news, product news, links.

www.assemblymag.com

Aviation Week

Industry news, homeland security news and issues, links.

www.aviationweek.com/aw

General Aviation Manufacturers Association

Industry news.

www.gama.aero/home.php

Glossary of Acronyms

DOD — Department of Defense

UCAV — Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle

GPS — Global Positioning System

FAA — Federal Aviation Administration

CAD — Computer-Aided Design

CAM — Computer-Aided Manufacturing

HOOVER'S TOP COMPANIES

Largest Companies by Sales (\$ mil.)

The Boeing Company	66,387.0
United Technologies Corporation	54,759.0
Lockheed Martin Corporation	41,862.0
Honeywell International Inc.	34,589.0
Northrop Grumman Corporation	32,018.0
General Dynamics Corporation	27,240.0
Raytheon Company	21,301.0
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.	13,960.5
Textron Inc.	13,225.0
ITT Corporation	9,003.3

Largest Employers Employees

United Technologies Corporation	225,600
The Boeing Company	159,300
Northrop Grumman Corporation	122,600
Honeywell International Inc.	122,000
General Dynamics Corporation	83,500
Raytheon Company	72,100
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.	64,600
Textron Inc.	44,000
ITT Corporation	39,700
BAE Systems, Inc.	32,328

Fastest Growing* by Five-Year Sales Growth (%)

Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation	108.9
Wesco Aircraft Hardware Corp.	106.0
Meggitt Defense Systems Inc.	93.3
Spirit AeroSystems Holdings, Inc.	78.7
Aero Kool Corporation	66.3
Ceradyne, Inc.	65.4
Space Exploration Technologies Corporation	62.5
SpaceDev, Inc.	59.1
Argon ST, Inc.	54.3
AeroVironment, Inc.	53.8

Fastest Growing* by Five-Year Employee Growth (%)

Space Exploration Technologies Corporation	100.0
Agusta Aerospace Corporation	93.6
Ceradyne, Inc.	42.0
Shultz Steel Company	41.4
Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation	37.2
Argon ST, Inc.	37.0
AeroThrust Corp.	36.9
National Presto Industries, Inc.	34.6
DRS Technologies, Inc.	28.4
General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc.	27.9

Top Public Companies by Market Value (\$ mil.)

United Technologies Corporation	75,280.7
The Boeing Company	67,173.1
Honeywell International Inc.	45,965.3
Lockheed Martin Corporation	42,959.0
General Dynamics Corporation	35,950.1

* These rates are compounded annualized increases and may have resulted from acquisitions or one time gains. If less than 6 years of data are available, growth is for the years available.

SOURCE: HOOVER'S, INC., DATABASE

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