

CONCORDE TIMELINE

Date	Event
14 October 1947	Chuck Yeager pilots rocket-propelled Bell X-1 through the sound barrier
1956-62	Independent studies into supersonic transports by UK and French companies
29 November 1962	Anglo-French agreement on supersonic aircraft development signed in London
January 1963	Concord(e) name first applied
June 1963	Pan American places first commitments (six options officially cancelled in 1973)
1963	Air France places order commitments
1966	BOAC (later British Airways) places order commitments
11 December 1967	Prototype 001 rolls out in Toulouse. Options reach 74 from 16 airlines. Concorde name agreed
2 March 1969	Prototype 001 makes first flight from Toulouse, with André Turcat at the controls
9 April 1969	British Prototype 002's maiden flight from Filton, flown by Brian Trubshaw
1 October 1969	Concorde 001 is the first to fly supersonic
4 November 1970	Concorde 001 is the first to reach Mach 2
17 December 1971	Maiden flight of first pre-production aircraft - BAC-built Concorde 101
28 July 1972	Air France and BA place firm orders for four and five aircraft respectively
10 January 1973	Maiden flight of French pre-production Concorde 102
6 December 1973	First production aircraft, Concorde 201, flies from Toulouse
13 February 1974	First BAC-built production aircraft, Concorde 202, flies from Filton
9 October 1975	France issues certificate of airworthiness (CofA)
5 December 1975	UK issues CofA
19 December 1975	First delivery to Air France (F-BVFA)
14 January 1976	First delivery to BA (G-BOAA)
21 January 1976	Air France and BA launch commercial services to Rio de Janeiro and Bahrain respectively
24 May 1976	First commercial services to Washington DC (Dulles)
22 November 1977	First commercial services to New York (Kennedy)
Jan 1979-May 1980	Braniff operates joint services with Air France and BA between Dallas and Washington DC
December 1977	BA and Singapore Airlines operate joint services from London to Singapore (and Jan '79-Nov '80)
13 January 1980	BA takes delivery of its seventh and final Concorde
22 October 1980	Air France takes delivery of its seventh, and the 14th and final production Concorde
25 July 2000	Air France Concorde (F-BTSC) crashes on take-off from Paris, and Air France grounds fleet
15 August 2000	French and UK authorities announce withdrawal of CofA - BA grounds fleet
January 2001	Details of Concorde's return to flight modification package revealed
17 July 2001	First modified aircraft - BA's G-BOAF - makes test flight from Heathrow
5 Sept 2001	French and UK authorities approve modifications and restore CofA
7 November 2001	Air France and BA resume commercial flights to New York
10 April 2003	Decision announced to ground Concorde in 2003
31 May 2003	Air France operates last commercial services
27 June 2003	Last Air France Concorde flight - Paris-Toulouse delivery to museum
24 October 2003	BA operates last commercial services
November 2003	Last BA Concorde flight?

CONCORDE PRODUCTION HISTORY

S/N	Registration	Delivered	Remarks
001	F-WTSS	-	French prototype. Flew 2 March 1969. Preserved Le Bourget
002	G-BSST	-	UK prototype. Flew 9 April 1969. Preserved Yeovilton
101	G-AXDN	-	UK pre-production aircraft. Flew 17 December 1971. Preserved Duxford
102	F-WTSA	-	French pre-production aircraft. Flew 10 January 1973. Preserved Paris Orly
201	F-WTSB	-	First French production aircraft. Flew 6 December 1973. Preserved Toulouse
202	G-BBDG	-	First UK production aircraft. Flew 13 February 1974. Stored Filton
203	F-BTSC	5 January 1976	Air France. Destroyed in Paris crash 25 July 2000
204	G-BOAC	13 February 1976	British Airways. To be preserved in Manchester*
205	F-BVFA	19 December 1975	First Air France delivery. Preserved Washington DC
206	G-BOAA	14 January 1976	First British Airways delivery. Stored Heathrow
207	F-BVFB	8 April 1976	Air France. Preserved Sinsheim Museum, Germany
208	G-BOAB	30 September 1976	British Airways. Stored Heathrow
209	F-BVFC	3 August 1976	Air France. Preserved Toulouse
210	G-BOAD	6 December 1976	BA. Singapore Airlines colours 77-80. To be preserved in New York*
211	F-BVFD	26 March 1977	Air France. Broken up 1994
212	G-BOAE	20 July 1977	British Airways. To be preserved at Museum of Flight in Seattle
213	F-BTSD	19 September 1978	Air France. Preserved Le Bourget
214	G-BOAG	6 February 1980	British Airways. To be preserved in Barbados*
215	F-BVFF	22 October 1980	Air France. To be displayed at Paris CDG
216	G-BOAF	13 June 1980	British Airways. To be preserved at Filton*

* - subject to change