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Europrop International TP400 powers Airbus A400M to first flight

Four TP400 engines, manufactured by Europrop International (EPI), have powered the successful first flight of the Airbus A400M military transport aircraft today, Friday 11 December 2009. The flight took place from Airbus Military headquarters in Sevilla, Spain.

The three-shaft TP400 is the most powerful turboshaft engine ever built in the Western world generating 11,000 shaft horsepower.

Commenting on the first flight milestone, EPI President Nick Durham said:

“The TP400 has already logged over 50 flight hours but everyone at EPI and the partner companies is very proud to see the engines do what they were designed for - powering the A400M into the sky. The data from our intensive test programme has given us great confidence in the engine’s performance and we look forward to demonstrating this through the flight test programme.”

Over 3,500 hours of testing on the engine have been accumulated at six test sites around Europe and through the Airbus Flying Test Bed programme.

EPI has delivered 14 engines for the A400M flight test programme to the Airbus final assembly line in Sevilla.

Notes for Editors

EPI Europrop International GmbH was created by four leading European aero-engine companies - Industria de Turbo Propulsores, MTU Aero Engines, Rolls-Royce and Snecma (SAFRAN Group) - to manage the TP400 engine programme. For information and pictures, visit the EPI website on www.europrop-int.com/

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