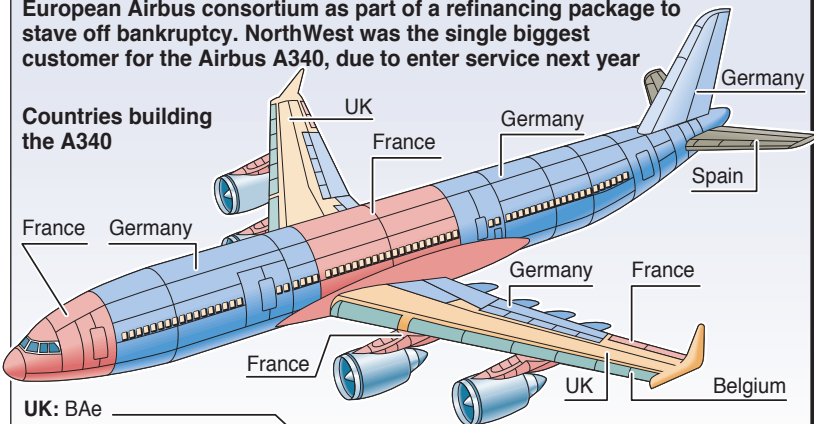


Airbus consortium loses £2.3bn order

U.S. airline NorthWest has cancelled an order for 74 aircraft from the European Airbus consortium as part of a refinancing package to stave off bankruptcy. NorthWest was the single biggest customer for the Airbus A340, due to enter service next year

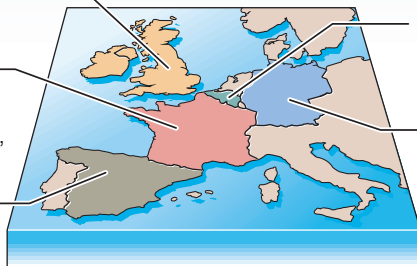
Countries building the A340



UK: BAe
Wings (Chester)

France:
Aérospatiale
Cockpit, central
fuselage, pylons
(Nantes, St Nazaire,
Toulouse)

Spain: CASA
Horizontal tail
(Madrid)



Belgium: Belairbus
Wing leading
edge slats

Germany:
Deutsche Airbus
Forward and
rear fuselage,
vertical tail fin
(Bremen, Hamburg)