

Continental convicted over Concorde crash

■ **Mar 1969:** Maiden flight of Anglo-French Concorde

■ **Nov 1970:** Mach 2 cruising speed – twice speed of sound – attained

■ **Jan 1976:** Concorde enters commercial service

■ **Apr 1989:** British Concorde loses part of rudder over Tasman Sea – first major incident in 20 years

■ **Jul 25, 2000:** Both fleets grounded after Air France Concorde crashes on take-off from Paris Charles de Gaulle airport. All 109 people on board are killed along with four on ground

■ **Nov 2001:** Passenger flights resume following restoration of airworthiness certificate

■ **Oct 2003:** Concorde withdrawn from service as falling passenger numbers and crisis in airline industry spell end for supersonic travel

■ **Dec 2004:** Judicial investigation into crash concludes Concorde caught fire after one of its tyres was punctured by strip of metal on runway that fell from U.S. Continental Airlines DC-10

■ **Dec 6, 2010:** French court finds Continental guilty of involuntary manslaughter and orders it to pay fine of \$265,000. Mechanic *John Taylor* fined \$2,650 and given suspended 15-month prison sentence

