

Airbus gets ready to fly Dreamliner rival

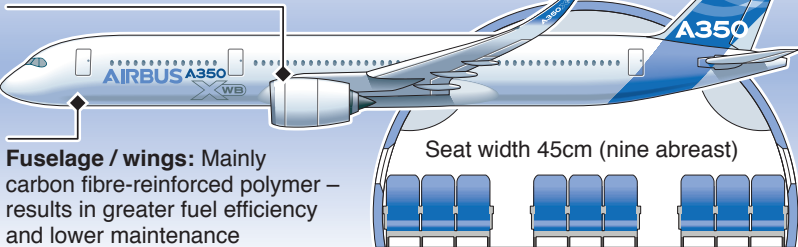
Airplane maker Airbus is preparing for the first flight of its A350 XWB long-range aircraft that is aimed at rivalling Boeing's 787 Dreamliner

XWB (Extra-wide body): Internal cabin 12cm wider than Boeing 787.

Up to 10 seats abreast in economy class

Engines: Two Rolls-Royce Trent turbofans, 370kN thrust each

Winglets: Increase lift



Fuselage / wings: Mainly carbon fibre-reinforced polymer – results in greater fuel efficiency and lower maintenance

BOEING 787 DREAMLINER (baseline 787-8 model)

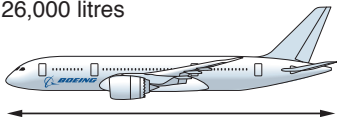
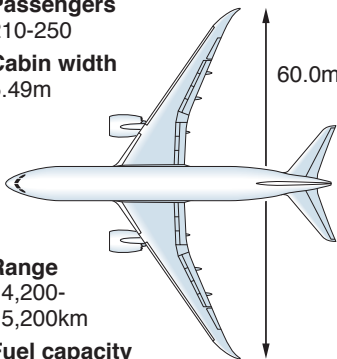
Passengers
210-250

Cabin width
5.49m

Range
14,200-
15,200km

Fuel capacity
126,000 litres

60.0m



56.7m

AIRBUS A350 XWB (baseline A350-900 model)

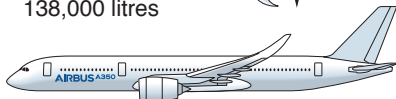
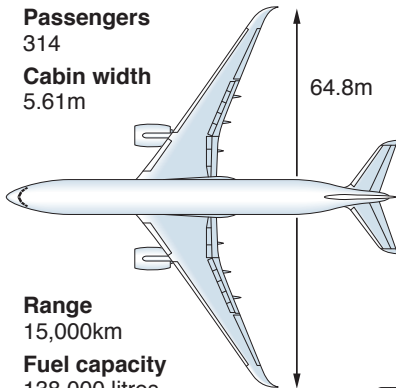
Passengers
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Cabin width
5.61m

Range
15,000km

Fuel capacity
138,000 litres

64.8m



66.9m

Entered service **Oct 2011**

Unit cost **\$206 million**

Orders to date (all models) **890**

Due to enter service **mid-2014**

Unit cost **\$288 million**

Orders to date (all models) **617**