

Airbus abandons iconic A380 superjumbo

European plane manufacturer Airbus is to end production of its A380 superjumbo. The firm will stop deliveries of the world's biggest passenger jet in 2021 due to lack of customers

AIRBUS A380: Aircraft cost about \$25 billion to develop and has been in service for just 12 years

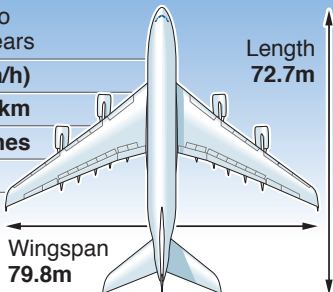
Cruising speed **Mach 0.85 (1,050km/h)**

Range (max. passengers) **15,000km**

Max. take-off weight **575 tonnes**

Max. fuel capacity **320,000 litres**

Largest A380 customer Emirates has cut back its total order by 39 planes – from 162 to 123 aircraft



First flight
Apr 2005

Entered service
Oct 2007

Double decker fuselage

Typical passenger seating: **575**

Maximum seating: **853**

Powerplant: Four Rolls-Royce Trent 900 or Engine Alliance GP7200 turbofans

A380 ASSEMBLY

End of production could impact 3,500 jobs

Broughton, UK
Wings

Saint-Nazaire, France
Forward and centre fuselage sections

Cádiz, Spain
Horizontal tailplane



Hamburg, Germany
Rear fuselage and vertical tail fin

Toulouse, France
Final assembly line

AIRBUS EMPLOYEES

France: **48,000**

Germany: **46,000**

Spain: **12,700**

UK: **14,000**

