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Canada set to fly high at Paris International Air Show

Thirty-one Canadian aerospace companies will take part in the thirty-fifth Paris International Air Show to be held in Paris, France, May 26 to June 5.

Canadian companies will display various Canadian aerospace products, systems and services and some Canadian-designed and -built aircraft will participate in the air show itself. Canadian participation in the exhibition is a joint industry/government effort representing an investment of more than \$2 million.

Modest beginnings

Canada's aerospace industry has come a long way since the country formally entered the aerial age on February 23, 1909, with the first successful flight in Canada of the *Silver Dart*. This led to the creation of one of Canada's first aircraft companies, the Canadian Aerodrome Company, in Baddeck, Nova Scotia. The company later produced the first aircraft designed and manufactured in Canada, the *Baddeck No. 1*, which was completed in July 1909.

From this modest start, through the period of the two world wars, Canada gained much of the aerospace expertise which served as a base for the continued growth of this new industry throughout the mid-1900s. During this development period the industry either assembled, built under licence or designed and manufactured such well-known aircraft as the *Curtiss JN-4*, the *F5L*, *Viking* and *Vedette* flying boats, many of the early *Fairchild* designs, *Piper Cubs*, *Tiger Moths*, *Hawker Hurricanes*, *Ansons*, *Blenheims*, *Harvards* and *Lancasters*. By 1942, the *de Havilland Mosquito* was being manufactured in Canada and some 1 133 were delivered.

By the end of the Second World War, close to 17 000 aircraft of nearly two dozen different types, from elementary trainers to fighters and heavy bombers, had been produced in Canada. In addition to prime contractors, a large number of secondary manufacturers were producing components, such as instruments, propellers, and hydraulic, electrical and



The de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited 50-passenger DASH 7 short take-off and landing (STOL) aircraft. To date 86 of these popular short-haul transports have been delivered to customers throughout the world.



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