

Leonardo named 'Best Performing Supplier' by Airbus

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Toulouse, 4 April 2018 – Today in a ceremony in Toulouse, France, Leonardo's aerostructures division was named 'Best Performing Supplier' by Airbus, recognizing Leonardo for its sustained level of excellence including 100% On Time Delivery (OTD) and substantial improvements in quality.

The award is part of Airbus's Supplier Quality Improvement Plan (SQIP) initiative, which aims to continuously improve product quality. Leonardo has committed to SQIP since 2009 on the A321 and A380 programmes, for which Leonardo manufactures fuselage components at its Nola facility near Naples.

In 2014, Leonardo was named 'Most Improved Supplier', ranking first in performance with 99% OTD for the A321 programme.

Leonardo has partnered with Airbus for over 30 years, beginning with joint work on the A300 and A310 aircraft in 1981. In 1991 the two companies agreed for Leonardo to design and produce the A321's front fuselage section and in 2001 the same was agreed for the A380 programme.

In 2016, Airbus contracted Leonardo to produce the front fuselage, section 14A, of the A321's new Long-Range (LR) configuration.