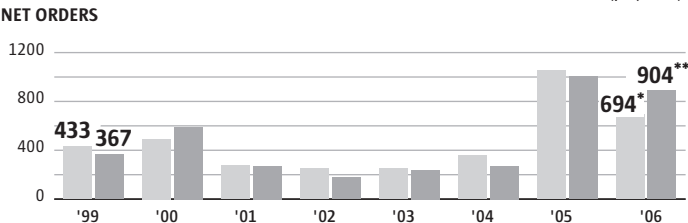
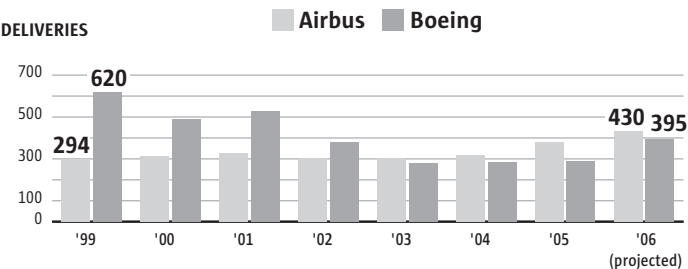


# A turning point in the sales race

Airbus is still the No. 1 commercial-jet manufacturer, measured by the number of airplanes delivered to customers. But in 2006, Boeing should finally reclaim the sales lead it last won in 2000.

In 2006, Airbus' sales momentum dived from last year's record high. But with the usual end-of-year order rush, Boeing has an outside chance of matching last year's astonishing total of 1,002 net sales.



\* Airbus Web site tally of gross orders through Nov. 30, plus orders announced in December. Net orders unavailable.

\*\* Boeing net orders through Dec. 20.

Sources: Airbus, Boeing

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