

Planes Grounded As Air Travel Nosedives

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More than a tenth of the world's jet airliners have been grounded and put in storage because of the recession.



Air travel has been hit by the global slump

Aviation consultancy Ascend said 2,300 of the global airline fleet of 20,293 jet airliners were now in storage. Some 1,167 of them were grounded last year.

It is the worst year for world aviation since 2001 when the 9/11 attacks and subsequent slump in air travel led to 13% of planes being sidelined.

Ascend said that since mid-2008, European carriers had parked more than 450 aircraft, with North American airlines storing nearly 800 and Asia-Pacific carriers putting at least 230 temporarily out of service.



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British Airways, which has two Boeing 747 jumbo jets stored at an engineering base, is one of the airlines that has planes parked.

Ascend market analysis head Chris Seymour said: "The aviation fleet data shows that at least 400 more aircraft are scheduled to be cut during 2009, with groundings being announced almost daily.

"Some reduction in capacity is typical over winter months as passenger traffic decreases. But this season's fleet cuts were far more severe than those of the recent past."

Mr Seymour added: "With new deliveries still likely to be around 1,000 this year, subject to financing, airlines also have to park older aircraft to avoid even more surplus capacity.

"The problems facing the financing community are serious and may only be alleviated by lower production rates in 2010 and for several years thereafter, as their main focus is on financing new aircraft."

COMMENTS TO THE STORY

Yes, exactly MY first thought Mr T! there'll be less air pollution and it'll help the environment! So in a way this recession is bringing things back into perspective - also the EU is going to meet to discuss future car production as too many cars were being produced - in far greater excess than needed - "The world is too much with us - getting and spending we lay waste our dreams ..."

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The Greens...ECO's.....TreehuggersAnoraks and climate changers will be loving every moment of this !!(UNTIL IT AFFECTS THEM.....THEN THEY WILL BE..... PROTESTING)

Posted By :*tony* [Report This](#)

I took my 13year old daughter to our GP recently regarding her Migraines and Anxiety that was diagnosed a couple of years ago. I asked him to explain the health hazards and the affect computers can

have on her health issues. I told him that she stays on her computer talking to friends for many hours each day, his reply was " everything in large portions is bad for you, and his children are on the computer for long periods of time, also adding fuel to my fire, he said computers wont affect her migraines, Thank You DOC.

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Im sure the extra airport Tax wouldnt stop people using the airports,so tax couldnt possibly be the reason for planes being grounded!

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Great news does this mean that the third runway at Heathrow is now put on hold.

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With planes being out of service at least it cuts down on air pollution!

Posted By :Mr T [Report This](#)