Turbomeca marks 100 million flight hours

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During the Paris Air Show, Turbomeca (Safran) is celebrating a major achievement: 100 million hours flown by its engine range. A Turbomeca-powered helicopter takes off every nine seconds, somewhere in the world.

The first flight of a Turbomeca turboshaft took place in 1949. Since then, Turbomeca has produced over 72,000 more and is now the leading helicopter engine manufacturer worldwide.

Today, 18,200 Turbomeca engines are in service around the world. Through powering new-generation rotorcraft like the Airbus Helicopter H160 and the Bell 505 Jet Ranger X, the Safran's subsidiary remains at the leading edge of innovation. It is committed to remaining the first-choice engine provider of the helicopter industry.
Turbomeca's history has been marked by numerous records. Its Artouste II powered the Alouette II, the first serially-produced turbine-powered helicopter in the world. The helicopter's flight altitude record was also set using a Turbomeca engine.

Turbomeca CEO, Bruno Even, said: "Our pioneering spirit remains at the heart of our vision and we are proud to celebrate the 100 million flight hours milestone. It illustrates our uncompromised commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction."

Turbomeca offers the widest range of helicopter engines in the world and has more than 2,500 customers in 155 countries.

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Turbomeca (Safran) is the leading helicopter engine manufacturer, and has produced 70,000 turbines based on its own designs since the company was founded. Offering the widest range of engines in the world and dedicated to 2,500 customers in 155 countries, Turbomeca provides a proximity service thanks to its 15 sites, 30 proximity maintenance centers, 18 Repair & Overhaul Centers, and 90 Field representatives and Field technicians. Microturbo, the subsidiary of Turbomeca, is the European leader in turbojet engines for missiles, drones and auxiliary power units.


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