

The Nashville facility, located adjacent to the Nashville International Airport, has 70 years of experience in aerospace design, manufacturing and assembly. It has produced more than 10,000 wings and tail sections for a variety of prime aircraft contractors.

Vital Statistics:

- Site workforce of approximately 877 - 872 employees and 5 contractors
- Total area under roof: 2 million square feet

Products and Capabilities:

The Nashville site specializes in long and large machining and processing of aircraft parts. The facility features a Composites and Bonding Center - dedicated to the manufacture of advanced composites and metal bonded structures. The site has design and stress test capabilities and is experienced in airworthiness certification, systems integration and CATIA software. Product lines include:

Airbus

- Airbus A330/A340 Family wing components (leading edge assemblies, upper panel assemblies and spars)

Cessna

- Citation X upper and lower wing panel assemblies

Gulfstream

- G450 series wing

Lockheed Martin

- C-130J Super Hercules empennage

Community Involvement:

- United Way
- March for Babies (March of Dimes)
- Vought Can Do! (to benefit agencies that feed the needy)
- American Heart Association

- American Cancer Society
- Special Olympics
- Alive Hospice
- Pencil Foundation

Site History:

Operations in Nashville can be traced back to 1939 when it was known as Stinson Aircraft Co. As a division of the Aviation Co., the third-largest producer of war materials during World War II, it was merged with Vultee in 1940 and merged again to form Consolidated Vultee Aircraft in 1943. In 1959, the Aviation Co. became Avco Corp. In 1966, the Nashville division was renamed Avco Aerostructures. In 1985, Avco Aerostructures became part of Textron Inc. as a result of their acquisition of Avco Corporation, and in 1987, the name changed to Textron Aerostructures. The Nashville facility was purchased in September 1996 by The Carlyle Group and renamed The Aerostructures Corp. In 1998, the businesses of Contour Aerospace and The Aerostructures Corp. were merged into a single operating company. In July 2003, The Aerostructures Corp. merged with Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.

Notable aircraft created by Aerostructures' legacy companies include the Voyager/L-5 Sentinel, the SR-10 Reliant/UC-81, the Vultee Vengeance dive bomber, and the co-produced (with Lockheed) P-38 Lightning. The site has produced wings for the C-141 StarLifter, C-5A/B Galaxy, B-1B long-range combat aircraft, L-1011 TriStar commercial airplane, British Aerospace BAe regional jet, and Gulfstream GII, GIII and GIV business jets. In addition, the Nashville facility built the first 62 ship sets of empennages for the V-22 Osprey program. Workers at the site have produced more than 2,400 empennages for the C-130 Hercules program since that program began in the 1950s.

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