



# ITALY DOUBLES ORDER FOR M-346 JET TRAINERS

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**Italy has placed a follow-on order worth €300 million (\$336 million) for an additional nine Aermacchi M-346 advanced jet trainers.**

The deal doubles the number of Honeywell F124-powered aircraft ordered for the Italian air force, which uses the designation T-346A. Delivery of the new trainers is to begin this year and will be complete by 2018.

Asset Image type unknown

Italian air force

The contract also includes logistics support and a further, unspecified development effort for a wider integrated training system. The latter includes the digital training aids and simulators located at Lecce-Galatina air base.

A total of 68 M-346s have now been ordered by four nations: Italy (18), Israel (30), Poland (8) and Singapore (12).

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