Top Aircraft & Operators -- Week of 6-12 July 2026

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Behind every weekly business aviation report is a simpler question for charter clients: which aircraft am I most likely to actually fly on, and which operators run them? For the week of 6-12 July 2026 the answer is remarkably consistent -- NetJets on both sides of the Atlantic, the Bombardier Challenger 300 series in the US, and the Embraer Phenom 300 in Europe.

Operators: NetJets remains the largest fleet in the sky

NetJets Aviation flew 2,477 flights in the Americas -- more than the next several fractional operators combined -- and NetJets Europe led EMEA at 405. The Royal Flying Doctor Service topped APAC at 26 flights, a reminder that APAC private aviation still skews heavily toward mission-flying and long-range corporate rather than the fractional-heavy US model. If you are chartering ad-hoc in the US or Europe, you will most often be flying an aircraft NetJets also operates -- which is why the market's benchmark hourly rates and standards are set by their fleet.

Americas: Challenger 300 series, 2,625.72 flight hours

The Bombardier Challenger 300 / 350 / 3500 family topped US flight-hour rankings at 2,625.72 hours. This is not surprising: the Challenger 300 series is the workhorse super-midsize in every major US fractional fleet, the default aircraft on the New York <-> Miami, Aspen and Palm Beach corridors, and the pick for coast-to-coast one-stop or non-stop trips. If you are chartering super-midsize in the US, this is statistically the airframe you will get.

EMEA: Phenom 300, 544.72 flight hours

The Embraer Phenom 300 topped EMEA at 544.72 flight hours -- the light-jet category leader across Europe and, arguably, the most successful business jet program of the last decade. The Phenom 300 flies the routes Europe actually charters: London <-> Nice, Paris <-> Ibiza, Zurich <-> Palma. It carries 6-7 passengers, cruises at 453 knots, and combines a stand-up cabin (barely) with the operating economics of a light jet. It is the reason European charter pricing for short leisure legs has stayed accessible.

APAC: Gulfstream G650ER, 121.24 flight hours

APAC's leader was the Gulfstream G650ER at 121.24 flight hours -- the aircraft's third-consecutive weekly APAC top spot in our tracking. This is the geographic story of the region in one number: APAC private aviation is disproportionately about ultra-long-range missions between Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Dubai and the US West Coast. Where the Americas run on Challenger 300s and Europe on Phenom 300s, APAC runs on the largest and fastest jets in the fleet.

What clients should take from the fleet data

Match the aircraft to the mission, not the mission to a preferred aircraft. For US super-midsize needs the Challenger 300 series is the default and prices tightest. For European short and medium legs the Phenom 300 is the value benchmark -- anything more expensive should have a reason. For APAC or intercontinental missions the G650ER remains the reference point, with the Global 7500 as the direct alternative. Ask your broker to price at least two aircraft in the same class on any quote; the delta reveals a lot about operator overhead and availability that week.