

Jean Botti

Jean Botti has been the Airbus Group's Chief Technical Officer since May 2006. Botti began his professional career at Renault in 1978 before joining the Chassis Engineering division of General Motors in the U.S. in 1989. Upon his return to France in 1992, he was appointed General Motors' Director of European Engineering for chassis components. In 1997, he returned to the U.S. to take over the reins of the Delphi Corporation's Customer Solution Center, a position he held until 2002. From 2002 to 2004, he managed Delphi's new corporate Dynamics, Propulsion and Thermal Innovation Center as Chief Technical Officer. He rounded out his time at Delphi as the Business Line Executive for the Powertrain product line, before taking his current position with Airbus Group in 2006.

Botti holds 31 patents and four defensive publications for the work carried out over the course of his career, and was elected as a Delphi Hall of Fame fellow. He also received the General Motors President's Council Award in 1998, and was named a fellow of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE).

Botti graduated from the National Institute of Applied Sciences (INSA) in Toulouse, France, in 1986, with a degree in mechanical engineering. He pursued further studies in the U.S., where he earned an MBA from Central Michigan University and a degree in Research and Development Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), both in 1991. In addition, he was awarded a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the National Conservatory of Arts and Trades (Cnam) Paris in 1995, in collaboration with the University of Michigan.

Botti has been awarded honorary degrees from Bath University in 2010 and Cardiff University in 2012, both in the U.K., as well as from the U.S.-based University of South Alabama in 2014. Botti is involved with a number of research organisations. Since 2014, he has been serving as a Senator of the acatech German Academy of Science and Engineering, advising the institution on strategic matters. In 2013, Botti joined the French National Air and Space Academy. He has been a member of the National Academy of Technologies of France since 2011, where he provides important insights into new technologies – in particular on the Energy Committee – and actively contributes to reports produced by the Academy to promote technology in training programmes. He was elected to the European Research Area Board (ERAB) as the representative for aeronautics and space. In addition, Botti is a member of the Federation of German Industries' (BDI) Technical Committee.

Jean Botti manages the “electric aircraft” project in the framework of 34 plans relating to the “New Industrial France” policy.