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AIR CANADA UNVEILS FIRM ORDER FOR EIGHT AIRBUS A350-1000S

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Air Canada has formalized a firm order for eight Airbus A350-1000s, the largest aircraft in Airbus' order book under the label of an unidentified customer.

For Air Canada, the challenge is to improve economic performance and operational performance are significant factors. In the press release, Mark Galardo (Executive vice president and chief

Commercial Officer, and President – Cargo) emphasizes a “*natural evolution*” of the fleet and the central role the A350-1000 is destined to play: “*Air Canada’s global ambitions are strengthened by the selection of the Airbus A350-1000 (...) thus opening up new long-haul opportunities around the world.*” The press release does not provide details on delivery schedules or cabin configurations.

The A350-1000: range, cabin and promise of efficiency

Airbus highlights a range of “*up to 9,000 nautical miles,*” a key selling point for very long-haul, non-stop flights from Canadian hubs. The aircraft manufacturer also emphasizes the “*Airspace*” cabin and comfort features (cabin altitude, noise level) designed for ultra-long-haul flights. Regarding environmental performance and costs, Airbus claims that the A350 offers a 25% reduction in fuel consumption and emissions compared to previous-generation competitor aircraft, thanks in particular to its aerodynamics, materials, and Rolls-Royce engines.

In terms of program momentum, Airbus reported a total of 1,529 A350 orders (all versions) and 700 aircraft delivered at the end of January 2026. Airbus welcomed the validation of its proposition in the very large twin-engine segment, with Benoît de Saint-Exupéry describing it as “*the superiority of the most technologically advanced wide-body aircraft on the market.*”

À date début 2026, la flotte principale d’Air Canada compte 211 avions passagers, avec 122 appareils supplémentaires en commande (hors filiales régionales et fret). Outre cette commande d’A350-1000, côté Airbus, elle détient 42 A220-300 en service (23 en commande), une trentaine d’appareils A320-200 et A321-200, certains devant être transférés depuis ou vers Rouge et/ou rétrofités, 30 A321XLR en commande et 20 A330-300. Côté Boeing, elle possède 47 Boeing 737 MAX 8, 25 appareils long-courrier 777 (6 777-200LR, 19 777-300ER), une quarantaine de Dreamliner (8 787-8, 32 787-9) et 14 787-10 en commande.



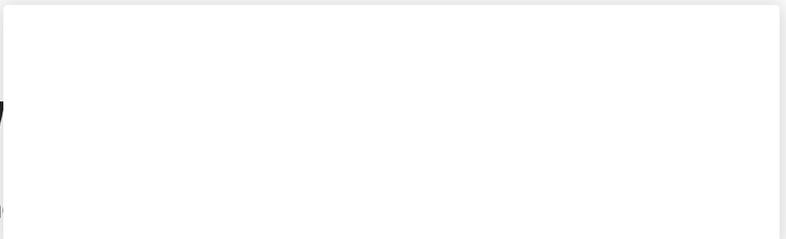
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