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THE VERSATILE A330 FAMILY

The A330 Family models have flown over eleven million operational hours and attracted more than 70 customers and operators. Its global market endorsement is reflected in record sales.

Ever since the original version of the A330-300 entered service in 1993, the enduring attraction of the type has been its very low operating cost per seat. Thanks to the introduction of numerous product improvements, it remains the most cost-effective aircraft in its class

The A330-300 typically accommodates 295 Passengers in three classes. It has a range of up to 10,800km/5,850nm and has excellent operational flexibility from regional services, such as Hong Kong-Taipei to long-range routes like Frankfurt to Seattle.

Comfortably carrying 253 passengers in a typical three-class arrangement, the A330-200 entered into service in 1998. Developed from the larger A330-300, its range of up to 12,500km/6,750nm has enabled it to easily serve destinations like Tokyo from the US West Coast, from Sao Paulo to London or from Auckland to Los Angeles non-stop.

The attraction of the A330-200 has now been further improved with an increase in range to 13,400km/7250nm at a new maximum takeoff weight of 238,000kg /524,700lb. The overall popularity of the A330 Family is set to grow due to its ability to serve even more markets at efficiency levels that correspond to airline needs better than any other aircraft in service.

Offering the cost benefits generated by high levels of technology in its structure, aerodynamics and systems and with a wing aerodynamically optimised to be fuel-efficient for medium to long-range routes, the A330 models, as members of the Airbus fly-by-wire Family, allow Cross Crew Qualification and Mixed Fleet Flying. The A330 Family also profits from improvements developed for other Airbus models, including the introduction of lighter and stronger metal alloys and advanced composites to reduce airframe weight.

The A330 cabin provides both flexibility and comfort. With generous, true widebody dimensions, the A330 is able to accommodate seat and class configurations to suit a wide spectrum of operators' requirements. The A330 cabin is quieter than other large twinjet aircraft. Overhead stowage is designed to match the most popular "roller-bag" sizes. The A330 can be equipped with the latest in-flight entertainment systems and the new generation of on-board communication features, allowing passengers and crew to be as well connected in the air as on the ground.

The spaciousness of the A330 cabin is matched by the capacity of its underfloor cargo holds. Airlines can carry large amounts of revenue-generating cargo in both pallets and containers.

A330 passenger models may be powered by General Electric, Pratt and Whitney or Rolls-Royce engines, each optimised to minimise the environmental impact in terms of noise and emissions.

More than 900 A330/A340 Family aircraft are in operation with almost 100 operators and there are more than 400 aircraft in Airbus' substantial backlog of orders.

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