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Saab Aircraft Leasing demos Saab 340 Cargo Version during North American Tour

Saab Aircraft Leasing will soon complete a two-week North American demonstration tour of its first dedicated Saab 340A all-cargo version to existing and prospective customers.

Full FAR/JAR Class E certification (cargo only operation) was granted at the end of September 2002. The conversion, consisting of 13 Service Bulletins, was developed jointly by Saab Aircraft AB and Field Aviation Company of Canada.

Serial Number 069 was converted during a three-month period at Field Aviation's maintenance facility in Calgary. The Cargo version carries 8,500 lbs maximum payload a distance of 300 nm. The demonstrator aircraft sports a brand new Saab livery and is equipped with optional window blanks.

Modifications of the popular 30-seat turboprop include:

- A smoke curtain installed aft of the cockpit area to protect the Flight Crew compartment
- Retained cabin airflow throughout to permit the transportation of temperature-sensitive goods
- Roller system aisle which, combined with the removal of the rear bulkhead, allows quick and efficient movement of cargo via the original large rear cargo door
- Six barrier net divisions

"The Saab 340A has proven itself as a workhorse since entering service in 1984. This new configuration offers yet another option to fully utilize its

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current design life of 90,000 flights,” underlines Saab Aircraft Leasing President and CEO Michael Magnusson. “Built to last, with the ability to operate in a number of challenging environments, the Saab 340A Cargo version will be a welcome option to existing Saab operators as well as to new customers looking for a reliable cargo aircraft.”

Saab Aircraft Leasing manages a portfolio of about 300 Saab 340 and Saab 2000 aircraft leased to 28 airlines around the world. With 38 employees, its head-office is in Washington, DC. Saab Aircraft Leasing is part of the Saab Aviation Services Business Area of Saab AB.

Saab is one of the world's leading high-technology companies, with its main operations focusing on defense, aviation and space. The group covers a broad spectrum of competence and capability in systems integration.

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