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Fresh from the paint shop, Air Canada brings Cargo's new livery to life for its freighter fleet



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Air Canada's freighter fleet is getting a fresh new look.

The first newly painted Boeing 767 freighter has rolled out of the paint shop, featuring an Air Canada Cargo design that reflects Air Canada's distinctive and timeless black, white and red livery introduced in 2017.

The aircraft, registration C-GXHM, is one of the two factory-built freighters delivered to Air Canada earlier this summer that will enter service in 2023. These are in addition to the eight converted 767 freighters that Air Canada Cargo will have in its fleet, two of which are already in service between North American, Europe and Latin America. The airline also recently announced the acquisition of two factory-built Boeing 777 freighters, which will enter service in 2024. This robust and diversified fleet of 12 wide-body freighters solidifies Air Canada's position as North America's premier combination carrier.

"Seeing the livery come to life on one of our aircraft is a special moment for everyone at Air Canada, and especially for those of us in Cargo. Our fleet of freighters cover high-demand trade lanes globally while now proudly flying our brand. After so many months of hard work, we are excited for this important step signalling our strategic growth and can't wait to see it in the sky soon," said Jason Berry, Vice President, Cargo at Air Canada.

This factory-built Boeing 767 freighter will offer four different main deck configurations. The overall cargo capacity of the aircraft is nearly 58 tonnes or 438 cubic metres, with approximately 75 per cent of this capacity on the main deck. In addition to its main deck space, the new aircraft features a temperature-controlled lower deck, with a large door in the back to allow for loading of pallets.

The addition of freighter aircraft to Air Canada's fleet ensures that Air Canada Cargo can provide consistent capacity on key air cargo routes, which facilitates the rapid and efficient movement of goods internationally.

Freighters complement the extensive network of belly capacity aboard passenger aircraft and give Air Canada Cargo increased capability to transport goods such as automotive and aerospace parts, oil and gas equipment, pharmaceuticals, perishables, as well as handling the growing demand for fast, reliable shipment of e-commerce goods.

You can view a timelapse video showing the conversion of a<u>Boeing 767 passenger aircraft to a freighter here</u>.

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