

News Releases

Air Canada reports record consolidated load factor for July

MONTREAL, Aug. 5 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of July, Air Canada today reported a record load system factor of 83.6 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz (from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity), versus 83.0 per cent in July 2008, an increase of 0.6 percentage points. System traffic decreased 3.3 per cent on a capacity reduction of 4.1 per cent system wide.

"In July, Air Canada recorded a record system load factor for the month of 83.6 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This result, achieved despite persistent weakness in the global economy, is attributable to our disciplined approach to managing capacity, evidenced by the stable load factors across our entire global network. It is also reflective of our commitment to revitalize our distribution network, which is benefiting both Air Canada and our agency partners. With our immediate goals for stabilizing the airline achieved, we can now concentrate fully on securing our customers' loyalty and working towards sustained profitability. Essential to this process are our employees, who again last month demonstrated their dedication by delivering superior service while safely transporting our customers. I commend them for their efforts as together we continue to build a new Air Canada."

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CONSOLIDATED (AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)

	JULY			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	4,852	5,020	-3.3%	27,698	30,235	-8.4%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	5,802	6,048	-4.1%	34,359	37,035	-7.2%
Load Factor	83.6%	83.0%	+0.6 pts	80.6%	81.6%	-1.0 pts
RPMs	1,613	1,604	+0.6%	8,902	9,551	-6.8%
Canada ASMs	2,023	2,033	-0.5%	11,212	11,859	-5.5%
Load Factor	79.7%	78.9%	+0.8 pts	79.4%	80.5%	-1.1 pts
RPMs	616	679	-9.3%	4,372	4,960	-11.9%
U.S. Trans- border ASMs	786	878	-10.5%	5,781	6,413	-9.9%
Load Factor	78.4%	77.4%	+1.0 pts	75.7%	77.3%	-1.6 pts
RPMs	1,465	1,374	+6.6%	6,946	7,231	-3.9%
Atlantic ASMs	1,645	1,550	+6.1%	8,344	8,563	-2.6%
Load Factor	89.0%	88.6%	+0.4 pts	83.2%	84.4%	-1.2 pts

	RPMs	759	917	-17.2%	4,152	5,050	-17.8%
Pacific	ASMs	883	1,075	-17.9%	4,848	5,973	-18.8%
	Load						
	Factor	86.0%	85.3%	+0.7 pts	85.6%	84.5%	+1.1 pts
	RPMs	399	446	-10.5%	3,325	3,444	-3.5%
Latin	ASMs	465	511	-9.0%	4,174	4,228	-1.3%
America & Other	Load						
	Factor	85.8%	87.3%	-1.5 pts	79.7%	81.5%	-1.8 pts

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