

News Releases

Air Canada Reports April Traffic

MONTREAL, May 5 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of April, Air Canada today reported a load factor of 81.1 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz, versus 82.7 per cent in April 2008, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points. System traffic decreased 4.1 per cent on a capacity reduction of 2.2 per cent system wide.

Air Canada mainline reported a load factor of 82.4 per cent in April 2009 compared to 83.5 per cent in April 2008; a decrease of 1.1 percentage points. The mainline carrier flew 3.2 per cent fewer revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in April 2009 than in April 2008 on a capacity decrease of 1.9 per cent.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, reported a load factor of 68.1 per cent, a decrease of 6.8 percentage points from 74.9 per cent in April 2008. Capacity decreased by 5.0 per cent from April 2008 and the carrier flew 13.6 per cent fewer RPMs than in the previous April.

"For the month of April, Air Canada reported a strong load factor of 81.1 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We will continue our disciplined approach to capacity management to ensure assets are efficiently deployed as we gear up to meet peak summer season travel demand. In addition, as we manage through this economic downturn, we will ensure that Air Canada is well positioned to capitalize on the inevitable economic recovery that will take place. This includes leveraging our strategic business partnership with Aeroplan through the recent sale of 250,000 additional seats with the triple objectives of raising revenue, earning customer loyalty and differentiating our brand from the competition. Other recent customer-focused measures we have taken include the introduction of our Low Fare Guarantee and the elimination of call centre fees.

"I commend our employees who exceeded both Customer Satisfaction and On-Time Performance objectives for the month, achieving on-time arrivals performance of 82 per cent for the month of April, a three percentage point improvement over the same month a year ago."

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AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz & Tier 3)

	APRIL			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	3,533	3,650	-3.2%	13,655	14,936	-8.6%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	4,288	4,371	-1.9%	16,842	18,367	-8.3%
Load Factor	82.4%	83.5%	-1.1 pts	81.1%	81.3%	-0.2 pts
RPMs	981	1,028	-4.6%	3,776	3,936	-4.1%
Canada ASMs	1,188	1,206	-1.5%	4,637	4,769	-2.8%
Load Factor	82.6%	85.2%	-2.6 pts	81.4%	82.5%	-1.1 pts
RPMs	569	598	-4.8%	2,361	2,747	-14.1%
U.S.						

Trans- ASMs	723	741	-2.4%	2,945	3,464	-15.0%
border						
Load						
Factor	78.7%	80.7%	-2.0 pts	80.2%	79.3%	+0.9 pts
RPMs	954	951	+0.3%	3,133	3,453	-9.3%
Atlantic ASMs	1,123	1,095	+2.6%	3,984	4,264	-6.6%
Load						
Factor	85.0%	86.8%	-1.8 pts	78.6%	81.0%	-2.4 pts
RPMs	584	657	-11.1%	2,123	2,592	-18.1%
Pacific ASMs	670	790	-15.2%	2,407	3,139	-23.3%
Load						
Factor	87.2%	83.2%	+4.0 pts	88.2%	82.6%	+5.6 pts
RPMs	445	416	+7.0%	2,262	2,208	+2.4%
Latin America ASMs	584	539	+8.3%	2,869	2,731	+5.1%
& Other						
Load						
Factor	76.2%	77.2%	-1.0 pts	78.8%	80.8%	-2.0 pts

AIR CANADA'S REGIONAL CAPACITY PROVIDER
(JAZZ)

APRIL			YEAR-TO-DATE			
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	299	346	-13.6%	1,162	1,391	-16.5%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	439	462	-5.0%	1,707	1,873	-8.9%
Load Factor	68.1%	74.9%	-6.8 pts	68.1%	74.3%	-6.2 pts
RPMs	208	255	-18.4%	810	1,051	-22.9%
Canada ASMs	282	329	-14.3%	1,096	1,364	-19.6%
Load Factor	73.8%	77.5%	-3.7 pts	73.9%	77.1%	-3.2 pts
RPMs	91	91	0.0%	352	340	+3.5%
U.S. Trans- border ASMs	157	133	+18.0%	611	509	+20.0%
Load Factor	58.0%	68.4%	-10.4 pts	57.6%	66.8%	-9.2 pts

CONSOLIDATED
(AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)

	APRIL			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	3,832	3,996	-4.1%	14,817	16,327	-9.2%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	4,727	4,833	-2.2%	18,549	20,240	-8.4%
Load Factor	81.1%	82.7%	-1.6 pts	79.9%	80.7%	-0.8 pts
RPMs	1,189	1,283	-7.3%	4,586	4,987	-8.0%
Canada ASMs	1,470	1,535	-4.2%	5,733	6,133	-6.5%
Load Factor	80.9%	83.6%	-2.7 pts	80.0%	81.3%	-1.3 pts
RPMs	660	689	-4.2%	2,713	3,087	-12.1%
U.S. Trans- ASMs	880	874	+0.7%	3,556	3,973	-10.5%
border						

Load							
Factor	75.0%	78.8%	-3.8 pts	76.3%	77.7%	-1.4 pts	

RPMs	1,983	2,024	-2.0%	7,518	8,253	-8.9%	

Internal ASM	2,377	2,424	-1.9%	9,260	10,134	-8.6%	

Load							
Factor	83.4%	83.5%	-0.1 pts	81.2%	81.4%	-0.2 pts	
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