

News Releases

Air Canada Reports March Traffic

MONTREAL, April 3 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of March, Air Canada today reported a load factor of 80.7 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz, versus 82.9 per cent in March 2008, a decrease of 2.2 percentage points. System traffic decreased 13.5 per cent on a capacity reduction of 11.1 per cent system wide.

Air Canada mainline reported a load factor of 81.8 per cent in March 2009 compared to 83.6 per cent in March 2008; a decrease of 1.8 percentage points. The mainline carrier flew 13.1 per cent fewer revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in March 2009 than in March 2008 on a capacity decrease of 11.3 per cent.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, reported a load factor of 69.5 per cent, a decrease of 7.0 percentage points from 76.5 per cent in March 2008. Capacity decreased by 9.1 per cent from March 2008 and the carrier flew 17.5 per cent fewer RPMs than in the previous March.

"For the month of March, Air Canada reported a strong load factor of 80.7 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz," said Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer. "The significant traffic historically generated by Easter holidays has shifted to April this year, as opposed to March last year, making year-over-year comparisons less meaningful. Forecasted lower travel demand for March was accounted for through planned capacity adjustments. We will continue this disciplined approach to capacity management and will make adjustments as necessary to meet peak summer season travel demand."

"I commend our employees who exceeded both Customer Satisfaction and On-Time Performance objectives for the month, achieving on-time arrivals performance of 81 per cent for the month of March, a 13 percentage point improvement over the same month a year ago."

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AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz & Tier 3)

	MARCH			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Traffic						
(RPMs millions)	3,555	4,092	-13.1%	10,122	11,287	-10.3%
Capacity						
(ASMs millions)	4,345	4,897	-11.3%	12,553	13,996	-10.3%
Load Factor	81.8%	83.6%	-1.8 pts	80.6%	80.6%	0.0 pts
RPMs						
	974	1,025	-5.0%	2,794	2,909	-4.0%
Canada ASMs						
	1,190	1,235	-3.6%	3,449	3,563	-3.2%
Load Factor						
	81.8%	83.0%	-1.2 pts	81.0%	81.6%	-0.6 pts
RPMs						
	635	769	-17.4%	1,792	2,149	-16.6%
U.S. Trans-border ASMs						
	776	943	-17.7%	2,221	2,723	-18.4%
Load Factor						
	81.8%	81.5%	+0.3 pts	80.7%	78.9%	+1.8 pts

	RPMs	820	971	-15.6%	2,180	2,502	-12.9%
Atlantic	ASMs	1,027	1,119	-8.2%	2,861	3,169	-9.7%
	Load Factor	79.8%	86.8%	-7.0 pts	76.2%	79.0%	-2.8 pts
	RPMs	538	705	-23.7%	1,539	1,935	-20.5%
Pacific	ASMs	596	839	-29.0%	1,738	2,349	-26.0%
	Load Factor	90.3%	84.0%	+6.3 pts	88.6%	82.4%	+6.2 pts
	RPMs	588	622	-5.5%	1,817	1,792	+1.4%
Latin America & Other	ASMs	756	761	-0.7%	2,284	2,192	+4.2%
	Load Factor	77.8%	81.7%	-3.9 pts	79.6%	81.8%	-2.2 pts

AIR CANADA'S REGIONAL CAPACITY PROVIDER
(JAZZ)

	MARCH			YEAR-TO-DATE			
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change	
Traffic (RPMs millions)	307	372	-17.5%	862	1,044	-17.4%	
Capacity (ASMs millions)	442	486	-9.1%	1,268	1,411	-10.1%	
Load Factor	69.5%	76.5%	-7.0 pts	68.0%	74.0%	-6.0 pts	
	RPMs	212	280	-24.3%	601	795	-24.4%
Canada	ASMs	282	357	-21.0%	814	1,034	-21.3%
	Load Factor	75.2%	78.4%	-3.2 pts	73.8%	76.9%	-3.1 pts
	RPMs	95	92	+3.3%	261	249	+4.8%
U.S.	ASMs	160	129	+24.0%	454	377	+20.4%
Trans-border	Load Factor	59.4%	71.3%	-11.9 pts	57.5%	66.0%	-8.5 pts

CONSOLIDATED
(AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)

	MARCH			YEAR-TO-DATE			
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change	
Traffic (RPMs millions)	3,862	4,464	-13.5%	10,984	12,331	-10.9%	
Capacity (ASMs millions)	4,787	5,383	-11.1%	13,821	15,407	-10.3%	
Load Factor	80.7%	82.9%	-2.2 pts	79.5%	80.0%	-0.5 pts	
	RPMs	1,186	1,305	-9.1%	3,395	3,704	-8.3%
Canada	ASMs	1,472	1,592	-7.5%	4,263	4,597	-7.3%
	Load Factor	80.6%	82.0%	-1.4 pts	79.6%	80.6%	-1.0 pts
	RPMs	730	861	-15.2%	2,053	2,398	-14.4%
U.S.	ASMs	936	1,072	-12.7%	2,675	3,100	-13.7%
Trans-border	Load Factor	78.0%	80.3%	-2.3 pts	76.7%	77.4%	-0.7 pts

RPMs	1,946	2,298	-15.3%	5,536	6,229	-11.1%
Internal						
ASMs	2,379	2,719	-12.5%	6,883	7,710	-10.7%
Load						
Factor	81.8%	84.5%	-2.7 pts	80.4%	80.8%	-0.4 pts
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