

Air Canada reports August traffic

MONTREAL, Sept. 4 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of August, Air Canada today reported a load factor of 84.4 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz, versus 83.8 per cent in August 2007, an increase of 0.6 percentage points. System traffic decreased 1.5 per cent on a capacity decrease of 2.2 per cent system wide.

The mainline carrier flew 0.8 per cent fewer revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in August 2008 than in August 2007, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity decreased by 2.0 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 85.4 per cent, a record for the month, compared to 84.4 per cent in August 2007; an increase of 1.0 percentage point.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, flew 9.2 per cent fewer RPMs in August 2008 than in August 2007, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity decreased by 4.1 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 73.2 per cent, compared to 77.3 per cent in August 2007; a decrease of 4.1 percentage points.

"At 85.4 per cent, Air Canada mainline recorded a record load factor for the month of August," said Montie Brewer, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Demand in North America, as expected, continues to soften as the industry adjusts fares to reflect the ongoing impact of high fuel prices. However, through prudent capacity management we were successful in adjusting operations effectively. I am especially proud of our employees who once again exceeded both On-Time Performance and Customer Satisfaction objectives for the month as they worked hard to earn the loyalty of our customers during the peak summer travel season."

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AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz & Tier 3)

	AUGUST			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	2008	2007	Change	2008	2007	Change
Traffic						
(RPMs millions)	4,805	4,844	-0.8%	32,577	31,819	+2.4%
Capacity						
(ASMs millions)	5,624	5,739	-2.0%	39,308	38,547	+2.0%
Load Factor	85.4%	84.4%	+1.0 pts	82.9%	82.5%	+0.4 pts
RPMs	1,447	1,475	-1.9%	9,185	8,971	+2.4%
Canada ASMs	1,757	1,746	+0.6%	11,246	10,894	+3.2%
Load Factor	82.4%	84.5%	-2.1 pts	81.7%	82.3%	-0.6 pts
RPMs	587	650	-9.7%	4,896	5,215	-6.1%
U.S. Trans- border ASMs	718	782	-8.2%	6,149	6,536	-5.9%
Load Factor	81.8%	83.1%	-1.3 pts	79.6%	79.8%	-0.2 pts
RPMs	1,402	1,416	-1.0%	8,633	8,548	+1.0%

Atlantic	ASMs	1,553	1,675	-7.3%	10,116	10,090	+0.3%
	Load Factor	90.3%	84.5%	+5.8 pts	85.3%	84.7%	+0.6 pts
	RPMs	929	963	-3.5%	5,980	5,930	+0.8%
Pacific	ASMs	1,076	1,126	-4.4%	7,049	7,045	+0.1%
	Load Factor	86.3%	85.5%	+0.8 pts	84.8%	84.2%	+0.6 pts
	RPMs	440	340	+29.4%	3,883	3,155	+23.1%
Latin America & Other	ASMs	520	410	+26.8%	4,748	3,982	+19.2%
	Load Factor	84.6%	82.9%	+1.7 pts	81.8%	79.2%	+2.6 pts

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Factor 88.0% 84.7% +3.3 pts 84.4% 83.5% +0.9 pts

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