

News Releases

Air Canada reports record load factor for the month of May

MONTREAL, June 4 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of May, system traffic on a consolidated basis for Air Canada and Jazz rose 4.5 per cent on a capacity increase of 4.0 per cent system wide. This resulted in a record load factor of 83.2 per cent versus 82.9 per cent in May 2007.

The mainline carrier flew 5.4 per cent more revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in May 2008 than in May 2007, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 4.7 per cent, resulting in a record load factor of 84.3 per cent for the month compared to 83.8 per cent in May 2007; an increase of 0.5 percentage points.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, flew 5.4 per cent fewer RPMs in May 2008 than in May 2007, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity decreased by 2.6 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 72.4 per cent, compared to 74.5 per cent in May 2007; a decrease of 2.1 percentage points.

"With a record load factor of 83.2 per cent for the month of May, Air Canada once again surpassed previous results on a combined basis with Jazz," said Montie Brewer, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Traffic continued to outpace capacity growth, reflecting our sustained growth in the domestic Canada and international markets. These strong results demonstrate how Air Canada is attracting new customers with a young, fuel efficient fleet, industry-leading in-flight amenities and innovative fare products. I am especially proud of our employees who exceeded On-Time Performance objectives for the month as they work hard to earn the loyalty of our customers as we head into the peak summer travel season."

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AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz & Tier 3)

	MAY			Year-To-Date		
	2008	2007	Change	2008	2007	Change
Traffic						
(RPMs millions)	3,956	3,752	+5.4%	18,885	18,201	+3.8%
Capacity						
(ASMs millions)	4,691	4,479	+4.7%	23,046	22,230	+3.7%
Load Factor	84.3%	83.8%	+0.5 pts	81.9%	81.9%	0.0 pts
RPMs	1,203	1,114	+8.0%	5,135	4,934	+4.1%
Canada ASMs	1,467	1,363	+7.6%	6,231	5,972	+4.3%
Load Factor	82.0%	81.7%	+0.3 pts	82.4%	82.6%	-0.2 pts
RPMs	499	567	-12.0%	3,242	3,360	-3.5%
U.S. Trans-ASMs	620	698	-11.2%	4,078	4,270	-4.5%
border Load Factor	80.5%	81.2%	-0.7 pts	79.5%	78.7%	+0.8 pts
RPMs	1,129	1,086	+4.0%	4,581	4,460	+2.7%

Atlantic ASMs	1,290	1,237	+4.3%	5,554	5,292	+5.0%
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Load

Factor 86.6% 85.6% +1.0 pts 82.5% 82.6% -0.1 pts

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