

News Releases

Air Canada reports March traffic

MONTREAL, April 3 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of March, system traffic on a consolidated basis for Air Canada and Jazz rose 3.7 per cent on a capacity increase of 3.9 per cent system wide. This resulted in a load factor of 82.9 per cent versus 83.0 per cent in March 2007.

The mainline carrier flew 3.6 per cent more revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in March 2008 than in March 2007, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 3.9 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 83.5 per cent, compared to 83.7 per cent in March 2007; a decrease of 0.2 percentage points.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, flew 4.8 per cent more RPMs in March 2008 than in March 2007, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 4.1 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 76.5 per cent, compared to 76.0 per cent in March 2007; an increase of 0.5 percentage points.

"For the month of March, Air Canada reported continued growth in traffic with an increase of 3.7 per cent on a combined basis with Jazz," said Montie Brewer, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Our sustained growth year over year was led by the domestic and international markets where we continue to see strong demand. With the delivery of our twelfth Boeing 777 aircraft, and another six planned for delivery by April 2009, we continue to renew our fleet by replacing older aircraft with the most modern, fuel efficient aircraft available. I am particularly proud of our employees who worked so hard to take care of customers during another month of challenging winter conditions."

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AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz & Tier 3)

	MARCH	YEAR-TO-DATE
20	008 2007 Change	2008 2007 Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)		11,286 10,836 +4.2%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	4,898 4,716 +3.9%	13,996 13,407 +4.4%
Load Factor	83.5% 83.7% -0.2	pts 80.6% 80.8% -0.2 pts
RPMs	1,025 1,010 +1.5%	2,908 2,809 +3.5%
	ls 1,236 1,198 +3	.2% 3,564 3,416 +4.3%
Load		ts 81.6% 82.2% -0.6 pts
		2,149 2,156 -0.3%
		2,722 2,776 -1.9%
Load		ts 78.9% 77.7% +1.2 pts
RPMs	971 938 +3.5%	2,502 2,431 +2.9%

		3 1,119 1,081 +3.5% 3,169 2,974 +6.6%
		86.8% 86.8% 0.0 pts 79.0% 81.7% -2.7 pts
	RPMs	705 696 +1.3% 1,935 1,920 +0.8%
Pacific	a ASMs	839 806 +4.1% 2,349 2,305 +1.9%
	Load	84.0% 86.4% -2.4 pts 82.4% 83.3% -0.9 pts
Latin	RPMs	622 527 +18.0% 1,792 1,520 +17.9%
Amer & Oth		1s 762 679 +12.2% 2,192 1,936 +13.2
	Load Factor	81.6% 77.6% +4.0 pts 81.8% 78.5% +3.3 p
	AIR (CANADA'S REGIONAL CAPACITY PROVIDER (JAZZ)
		MARCH YEAR-TO-DATE
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Traffic (RPM	:	
		372 355 +4.8% 1,045 978 +6.9%
Capac (ASM	S	486 467 +4.1% 1,411 1,328 +6.3%
		76.5 76.0% +0.5 pts 74.1 73.6% +0.5 p
	RPMs	280 257 +8.9% 796 721 +10.4%
Canad	da ASM	ns 356 330 +7.9% 1,034 944 +9.5%
	Load	78.7% 77.9% +0.8 pts 77.0% 76.4% +0.6 g
U.S.	RPMs	92 98 -6.1% 249 257 -3.1%
Trans	- ASMs	3130 137 -5.1% 377 384 -1.8%
	Load Factor	70.8% 71.5% -0.7 pts 66.0% 66.9% -0.9 pts
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	Factor	80.3%	80.3%	0.0 pts	77.4%	76.4%	+1.0 pts	
	RPMs	2,298	2,161	+6.3%	6,229	5,871	+6.1%	
				+6.0%		-	+6.9%	
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	Factor	84.5%		+0.3 pts			-0.6 pts DAR: 0000132	<i>1</i> E E
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