



Thales selected as In-Flight Entertainment System supplier for Airbus A350 XWB

Aircraft Interiors EXPO, Hamburg, 18 May 2010 – Thales, a leader in In-Flight Entertainment and Connectivity systems, is pleased to announce that Airbus has contracted Thales as a supplier of IFE systems for the A350 XWB with its next generation TopSeries IFE system. The Thales system is an innovative, upgradeable and modular platform configured with the required IFE Audio/Video On-Demand functionality that can be enhanced with a variety of selectable capabilities including advanced system applications for passengers and crews, connectivity and personal electronic devices interface.

“We are extremely proud to be selected for this aircraft. Our key objective for the A350 XWB TopSeries platform was to introduce our next generation technology that provides both passengers and airlines with dramatic enhancements in functionality, efficiency and reliability,” said Alan Pellegrini, Vice President and General Manager of Thales’ In-Flight Entertainment business.

Every aspect of the system, from the head-end to the seat equipment is smaller, lighter, and consumes less power. Thales has reduced the overall weight and power footprint through optimized architecture, integration of functionalities, and incorporation of advanced passenger screen designs. The system embraces best in class technologies and industrial design making it a high performance, weight efficient, visually attractive product.

Visit Thales at Aircraft Interiors EXPO, booth B620 where the new Next Generation TopSeries System will be unveiled

About Thales

Thales is a global technology leader for the Aerospace and Space, Defence, Security and Transportation markets. In 2009, the company generated revenues of 12.9 billion euros with 68,000 employees in 50 countries. With its 25,000 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design, develop and deploy equipment, systems and services that meet the most complex security requirements. Thales has an exceptional international footprint, with operations around the world working with customers as local partners.

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