



## **The TopSeries Next Generation System featured in B/E Aerospace Pinnacle® Seat**

**WAEA Long Beach, CA, September 14, 2010** – Thales, a leader in In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) and connectivity systems, has partnered with B/E Aerospace to develop a highly integrated seat with B/E's Pinnacle® main cabin seat and Thales' new seat-centric TopSeries smart video displays. Known for its light weight comfortable design, the Pinnacle® seat is packed with Thales IFE innovation. Essentially, Thales' new passenger display is, in of itself, an IFE system. With high capacity local storage and no seatbox to be found anywhere, the monitor is a modular design that offers airlines tremendous flexibility in terms of what they want to offer their passengers.

The monitor in the featured B/E seat is available in various colors. The screens are 11 and 12 inch class with a popular touch screen navigation capability much like today's smart phones. These monitors feature four passenger interface modules for personal electronic device connection, and a reader for chip-and-pin and smart cards. The monitor is available in two other configurations, monitor only and monitor with passenger interface modules. On the face of the display are buttons for passenger services, home, power and volume control. The product has exceptional viewing angles and can accommodate a privacy filter and tilt mechanism.

What's more, the modular design of the display improves serviceability and reduces cost of ownership. No longer are maintenance crews required to manage cabling between the seat box and display in order to replace the entire monitor for repair. The new TopSeries enables module component replacement which allows the airline to swap-out only the module that requires attention in far less time and at a much lower cost. Plus, same holds for upgrades. The monitor accommodates up to four modules (audio jacks, USB, PED interface and an optional fourth slot for future features) that interface between the passenger and the system. With this design, an airline can add, subtract or exchange interface modules in a timely cost effective manner. In short, components can be exchanged on-wing without removing the entire display.

Together, Thales and B/E Aerospace's award winning design group aligned the slim-line appearance of the TopSeries smart video display into a very space efficient and elegant product design that complements the latest aircraft interior design.

Stop by the Thales booth at the WAEA Conference, Stand 1833.

### **About B/E Aerospace**

B/E Aerospace is a worldwide leading manufacturer of aircraft passenger cabin interior products for the commercial and business jet aircraft markets. B/E Aerospace is also a leading global distributor of aerospace fasteners. B/E Aerospace has leading worldwide market shares in all of its major product lines and serves virtually all of the world's airlines, aircraft manufacturers and leasing companies through its direct global sales and customer support organizations.

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With Pinnacle, B/E has created a high-density solution that still provides the comfort passengers demand. With increased living space at virtually any pitch, the seat continues to improve the passenger experience while increasing LOPA efficiency.

For more information, visit the B/E Aerospace website at [www.beaerospace.com](http://www.beaerospace.com).

## About Thales

Thales is a global technology leader for Defence & Security and Aerospace & Transport markets. In 2009, the company generated revenues of 12.9 billion euros with 68,000 employees in 50 countries. With its 22,500 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.

In the In-flight entertainment market for over 10 years, Thales serves nearly 60 world airlines and maintains a strong global presence with offices in the United States, UK, France, Germany, Singapore, and China. For more information about Thales In-Flight Entertainment Systems visit [www.thales-ifs.com](http://www.thales-ifs.com).

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