



The TopSeries Next Generation System featured in Recaro Comfort Line Economy Seat

WAEA Long Beach, CA, September 14, 2010 – Thales, a leader in In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) and connectivity systems has partnered with Recaro Aircraft Seating, a global aircraft seat developer and manufacturer to develop a highly integrated seat with Recaro's CL3620 double economy seat and Thales' new seat-centric TopSeries smart video displays. A Crystal Cabin Award winner, the Recaro 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.

“We are responding to our market demands by integrating the new IFE technology in our successful seat. Our aim is to offer the latest innovations to our customers living up to our Recaro claim – the seat of innovation,” said Eckhard Behnert, Director Product Group Management at Recaro. The monitor in the featured Recaro 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.

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

About Recaro

Operating with 1, 200 employees at six sites on four continents, Recaro Aircraft Seating engineers and manufacturers seat systems for the aviation industry worldwide. Company headquarters in Germany are staffed by 700 employees. In 2009, the company posted 245 million euro in sales placing it among the world's leading aircraft seating manufacturers.

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The CL3620 seat for the economy class is designed for ultra long-range flights up to 20 hours. The seat is based on the unique single-beam principle that replaces the two conventional support beams with a single beam giving the seat a much leaner profile. This significantly increases legroom and maximizes living space. Its design is more modular with less complexity compared to previous products. Simplified maintenance and modularity make the CL3620 easier to install in a wide variety of long-range aircraft models. It can also be flexibly adapted to different airline cabin layouts.

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.

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