



Qatar Airways selects Thales Inflight Entertainment Systems for its Airbus Single Aisle aircraft

Paris Air Show, 16 June, 2009 - Thales, a leader in inflight entertainment systems, is pleased to announce that Qatar Airways has selected the Thales TopSeries system for its fleet of 30 Airbus single aisle aircraft. The airline will provide its passengers a comprehensive audio and video on-demand entertainment and information experience in all classes of service with first aircraft delivery scheduled for November 2009.

Qatar Airways Chief Executive Office Akbar Al Baker said the new system would give passengers unprecedented entertainment options on its narrow body fleet. "Seat-back screens and audio video on demand are new to our single aisle fleet and we wanted to be ensure that our IFE offering was of the highest standards, Qatar Airways believes the Thales system offers the product features and reliability our passengers and crews will appreciate. We look forward to offering our customers compelling entertainment system."

Retrofit and line-fit installations are part of the program requirement, and the airline has included the option for an additional 10 aircraft. "We are very pleased to be working with Qatar Airways and share their vision to provide passengers a wide range of entertainment choice," said Alan Pellegrini, Vice President and General Manager of Thales' Inflight Entertainment Systems business. Thales continues to grow its presence in the Middle East with now over 200 aircraft in the region committed to flying with the TopSeries system.

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