



Thales offers new training solutions for crews that manage the Topseries IFE system

Aircraft Interiors, Hamburg 1st April 2009 – Thales, a leader in In Flight Entertainment systems, is pleased to announce new training options designed for flight crews and airline maintenance personnel. Specifically, Thales offers an advanced training kiosk that is a full functioning IFE system, with real components packaged into a compact cabinet that can store and move around an airline facility in an efficient manner. The training kiosk enables crews to experience hands-on training in non-operational environments ensuring that crews can manage the actual system onboard an aircraft. Through the kiosk, crews can learn and reinforce a full understanding of the system.

“The main objective of our training programs is to provide comprehensive, cost-effective training solutions that work around crew schedules and are easily accessible. It is in the best interest of the airline to ensure that their crews are properly trained for maximum passenger satisfaction and our commitment to offer quality training tools,” said Jonathan Savitch, Vice President of Thales’ In Flight Entertainment Service and Support organization. Beyond advanced training kiosks, Thales offers web-based training which are self-paced and available any place, any time. Courses provide interactive demonstrations, technical explanations, and fully traceable student course completion and rating reports.

About Thales IFE Systems

Thales entered the inflight entertainment business in the late 90s and today employs 700+ dedicated professionals with decades of IFE experience. Its’ IFE headquarter office is located in California with regional offices in France, China and Singapore. Thales is the fastest growing IFE supplier with over 1,000 aircraft commitments in just 5 years. Thales offers a comprehensive inflight entertainment solution covering four main areas:

- TopSeries Inflight Entertainment Systems
- TopConnect Suite of Connectivity Solutions
- TopEffects Digital Media and Services
- TopServices Global Service and Support

About Thales Group

Thales is a leading international electronics and systems group, addressing Defence, Aerospace and Security markets worldwide. The Group’s civil and military businesses develop in parallel and share a common base of technologies to serve a single objective: the security of people, property and nations. Thales’s leading-edge technology is supported by 22,500 R&D engineers who offer a capability unmatched in Europe to develop and deploy field-proven mission-critical information systems. The Group builds its growth on its unique multi-domestic strategy based on trusted partnerships with national customers and market players, while leveraging its global expertise to support local technology and industrial development. Thales employs 68,000 people in 50 countries with 2008 revenues of €12.7 billion.

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