

News Releases

Air Canada reports record March traffic

Mainline passenger load factor of 83.8% - highest ever for March

MONTREAL, April 4 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada reported a record load factor of 83.8 per cent in March 2007, the highest ever for the month.

The mainline carrier flew 5.0 per cent more revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in March 2007 than in March 2006, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 2.0 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 83.8 per cent, compared to 81.4 per cent in March 2006; an increase of 2.4 percentage points.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, flew 16.8 per cent more RPMs in March 2007 than in March 2006, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity increased by 12.0 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 76.0 per cent, compared to 72.9 per cent in March 2006; an increase of 3.1 percentage points.

Year over year, system traffic on a consolidated basis for Air Canada and Jazz, rose 5.9 per cent on a capacity increase of 2.9 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 83.1 per cent; an increase of 2.4 percentage points.

"Air Canada achieved a record load factor of 83.8 per cent in March as we continued to grow our customer base and the market for our products and services remained very strong. Clearly, customers are expressing a growing preference for Air Canada when they travel," said Montie Brewer, President and Chief Executive of Air Canada. "In March, we took delivery of the first of eight ultra-modern Boeing 777 aircraft that will be introduced to the fleet this year, giving people more reason than ever to fly Air Canada. In addition to our simplified fares, new seatback video systems and Executive First lie flat seats, a key part of the experience remains the service our employees provide and their hard work is winning the loyalty of travellers."

This discussion contains certain forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. As a result of many factors including acts or potential acts of terrorism, international conflicts, government regulations and government mandated restrictions on operations and pricing, fuel prices, industry restructuring, labour negotiations, the economic environment in general including foreign exchange and interest rates, the airline competitive and pricing environment, industry capacity decisions and new entrants as well as external events, actual results could differ from expected results and the differences could be material.

AIR CANADA

AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz)

	MARCH			Year-To-Date		
	2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	3,941	3,754	+5.0%	10,816	10,393	+4.1%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	4,704	4,610	+2.0%	13,374	13,081	+2.2%
Load Factor	83.8%	81.4%	+2.4 pts	80.9%	79.5%	+1.4 pts

Canada RPMs	1,006	958	+5.0%	2,797	2,661	+5.1%
ASMs	1,192	1,198	-0.5%	3,399	3,389	+0.3%
Load Factor	84.4%	80.0%	+4.4 pts	82.3%	78.5%	+3.8pts

U.S. Trans-border RPMs	773	763	+1.3%	2,142	2,065	+3.7%
ASMs	943	933	+1.1%	2,751	2,582	+6.5%
Load Factor	82.0%	81.8%	+0.2 pts	77.9%	80.0%	-2.1 pts

Atlantic RPMs	938	880	+6.6%	2,431	2,325	+4.6%
ASMs	1,081	1,057	+2.3%	2,974	2,913	+2.1%
Load Factor	86.8%	83.3%	+3.5 pts	81.7%	79.8%	+1.9 pts

Pacific	RPMs	696	663	+5.0%	1,920	1,861	+3.2%
	ASMs	806	805	+0.1%	2,305	2,285	+0.9%
	Load Factor	86.4%	82.4%	+4.0 pts	83.3%	81.4%	+1.9 pts

Latin America & Other	RPMs	528	490	+7.8%	1,526	1,481	+3.0%
	ASMs	682	617	+10.5%	1,945	1,912	+1.7%
	Load Factor	77.4%	79.4%	-2.0 pts	78.5%	77.5%	+1.0 pts

AIR CANADA JAZZ

AIR CANADA'S REGIONAL CAPACITY PROVIDER (JAZZ)							
MARCH				Year-To-Date			
	2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change	
Traffic (RPMs millions)	355	304	+16.8%	978	828	+18.1%	
Capacity (ASMs millions)	467	417	+12.0%	1,328	1,174	+13.1%	
Load Factor	76.0%	72.9%	+3.1 pts	73.6%	70.5%	+3.1 pts	
Canada	RPMs	257	221	+16.3%	721	620	+16.3%
	ASMs	330	300	+10.0%	944	857	+10.2%
	Load Factor	77.9%	73.7%	+4.2 pts	76.4%	72.3%	+4.1 pts
U.S. Trans-border	RPMs	98	83	+18.1%	257	208	+23.6%
	ASMs	137	117	+17.1%	384	317	+21.1%
	Load Factor	71.5%	70.9%	+0.6 pts	66.9%	65.6%	+1.3 pts

AIR CANADA & AIR CANADA JAZZ

COMBINED (AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)							
MARCH				Year-To-Date			
	2007	2006	Change	2007	2006	Change	
Traffic (RPMs millions)	4,296	4,058	+5.9%	11,794	11,221	+5.1%	
Capacity (ASMs millions)	5,171	5,027	+2.9%	14,702	14,255	+3.1%	
Load Factor	83.1%	80.7%	+2.4 pts	80.2%	78.7%	+1.5 pts	
Canada	RPMs	1,263	1,179	+7.1%	3,518	3,281	+7.2%
	ASMs	1,522	1,498	+1.6%	4,343	4,246	+2.3%
	Load Factor	83.0%	78.7%	+4.3 pts	81.0%	77.3 %	+3.7 pts
U.S. Trans-border	RPMs	871	846	+3.0%	2,399	2,273	+5.5%
	ASMs	1,080	1,050	+2.9%	3,135	2,899	+8.1%

Load							
Factor	80.6%	80.6%	0.0 pts	76.5%	78.4%	-1.9 pts	

Inter-							
national RPMs	2,162	2,033	+6.3%	5,877	5,667	+3.7%	

ASMs	2,569	2,479	+3.6%	7,224	7,110	+1.6%	
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Load							
Factor	84.2%	82.0%	+2.2 pts	81.4%	79.7%	+1.7 pts	

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