

LUFTHANSA TECHNIK: LAUNCH OF COMPONENT SUPPORT FOR NEW AIRBUS A350 XWB

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With its customer Finnair launching operations of its first **Airbus A350 XWB**, **Lufthansa Technik AG** commenced the component support for the new aircraft type. The first European airline to operate the A350, Finnair, signed a twelve-year contract in May with the leading provider of technical services for the aviation industry.

As part of the exclusive Total Component Support TCS®, Lufthansa Technik holds some 1,000 individual components at the ready – from cockpit computers and air conditioning systems to in-flight entertainment systems. These will be primarily repaired by Lufthansa Technik in the component workshops in Hamburg and made available quickly worldwide in the event of an AOG (Aircraft on Ground). Lufthansa Technik's main warehouse in Frankfurt is the logistical backbone. The scope of the spare parts supply is expanding with the growth of the A350 fleet operated by the airline, which has firm orders for 19 aircraft of this type.

Component support for the A350 is an important cornerstone of Lufthansa Technik's service

portfolio for the new widebody aircraft.

Since the launch customer of the A350 commenced flight operations – an airline customer from the Middle East – to Frankfurt at the beginning of 2015, Lufthansa Technik has already gained important experience in the day-to-day maintenance of the A350.

The portfolio of maintenance services furthermore includes troubleshooting and the elimination of technical defects, software management, and both the planned and unplanned replacement of the auxiliary power unit (APU). The A350 is offered with one engine option only, the Rolls-Royce Trent XWB. Lufthansa Technik and the engine manufacturer have been cooperating successfully for years, and both companies aim at including the overhaul of the new engine type in this cooperation. The joint venture N3 Engine Overhaul Services is already preparing for this task.

Lufthansa Technik also had the opportunity to demonstrate its capabilities recently at the stopover of the first Finnair A350 at Hamburg Airport. The Finnish airline took over the aircraft from the manufacturer on October 7, 2015. Lufthansa Technik provided the technical support during the turnaround and also organized a small ceremonial reception at the gate at Hamburg Airport to mark the occasion. The A350's visit was part of a European tour before the upcoming official launch of Finnair's long-haul scheduled service with this new aircraft.

The comprehensive service portfolio for the A350 XWB will also be a central topic for Lufthansa Technik at Europe's leading conference and exhibition for the aviation maintenance industry "MRO Europe" from October 13 to 15, in London (Booth No. 426).

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