

AIRBUS LAUNCHES ACJ350 XWB WITH EASYFIT OUTFITTING

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Airbus is launching a new corporate-jet version of its popular A350 XWB airliner, with Easyfit provisions for cabin-outfitting, expanding its corporate jet family with an aircraft that delivers more capacity, capability and comfort.

Called the ACJ350 XWB, it features 270 m²/2,910 ft² of cabin space in the -900 version. The ultra-long range variant can fly 25 passengers up to 10,800 nm/20,000 km or 22 hours, making it today's most modern and capable corporate jet.

The XWB stands for Xtra Widebody, enabling the ACJ350 to deliver Xtra comfort, Xtra innovative technology, Xtra efficiency, and to be Xtra easy to outfit.

Widebodies such as the ACJ350 offer the equivalent of several houses of floorspace, so creating cabins that meet demanding certification rules can be challenging, especially when they are installed within a fuselage made of new materials such as carbonfibre.

Airbus has thus chosen to pre-equip the carbonfibre fuselage of the ACJ350 with hundreds of attachment points, greatly simplifying the work of cabin-outfitters. It has also worked extensively with several cabin outfitters to ensure smooth completions for customers.

"One of Airbus's greatest strengths is to offer customers the world's most modern and efficient

aircraft family, and the ACJ350 with Easyfit expands its corporate jet offering, giving customers a new way to take their business to the world,” says Airbus Chief Operating Officer, Customers John Leahy. “Our customers want the best and most modern aircraft that money can buy, and the ACJ350 exemplifies that,” he adds.

Airline deliveries of the Airbus A350-900 began in December 2014. Together with the A350-1000 version, currently in development and due to enter airline service in 2017, the family has already won some 800 orders from more than 40 customers.

Like all Airbus aircraft, the ACJ350 personifies features that many aircraft lack or which cost extra, such as the enhanced protection of fly-by-wire controls, time and cost-saving centralised maintenance, and extensive use of weight and maintenance-saving materials.

In addition, the ACJ350 XWB delivers, as standard, new features such as an onboard airport navigation system (OANS), like GPS in a car, and a runway overrun prevention system (ROPS), an aid for pilots that helps to prevent runway excursions, especially in challenging weather.

More than 180 Airbus corporate jets are in service around the world, and they are flying on every continent, including Antarctica, highlighting their widespread nature and versatility.

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