



# FIRST BELUGAXL BECOMES AIRBORNE FOR ITS MAIDEN FLIGHT

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**The first BelugaXL took off this morning from Blagnac in Toulouse, France at 10:30 hrs local time, for its maiden flight over south-western France. The aircraft is the first of five BelugaXL to enter into service later in 2019 and to gradually replace the BelugaST transporters.**



The crew in the cockpit on board this flight comprised: Captain Christophe Cail, Co-Pilot Bernardo Saez-Benito Hernandez and Test-Flight Engineer Jean Michel Pin. Meanwhile, monitoring the aircraft systems and performance in real-time at the flight-test-engineer's (FTE) station were Laurent Lapiere and Philippe Foucault.

The BelugaXL was launched in November 2014 to address the transport and ramp-up capacity requirements for Airbus beyond 2019. The new oversize air transporters are based on the A330-200 Freighter, with a large re-use of existing components and equipment.

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## BelugaXL

### AIRCRAFT DIMENSIONS

- Overall Length: **63.1m**
- Height: **18.9m**
- Fuselage diameter: **8.8m**
- Wingspan: **60.3m**
- Wing area: **361.6m<sup>2</sup>**

### BASIC OPERATION DATA

- Transport capacity: **2 A350 XWB wings** (while current Beluga transports just one)
- Range: **4,000 KM** / **2200nm** at max payload (51 tonnes)
- MTOW: **227 tonnes** Maximum take-off weight
- Engines: **Rolls Royce Trent 700**

- > Launched in November 2014
- > Based on A330-200 Freighter
- > First Flight 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- > Entry into service 2019

**11 destinations**

**5 BelugaXL** +30% extra transport capacity

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