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Airline Spotlight: Air Algérie

Air Algerie is the national flag carrier airline of Algeria formed in 1947 as Compagnie Générale de Transport and has been in operation for 64 years. Air Algérie operates scheduled international services to 39 destinations in 28 countries in Europe, North America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East, as well as domestic services to 32 airports. The airline is also the first African operator to start direct scheduled service into China using Airbus A330-200 aircraft.



Air Algerie A330 network

Air Algérie currently operates a fleet of 40 aircraft, and with average fleet age of 5 years, one of Africa's youngest fleet. Amongst the Air Algérie passenger aircraft fleet are five Airbus A330-200s. Air Algérie's Airbus fleet are utilized to serve mainly routes in Europe, Asia, Middle East, and Canada.



The operational cost efficiency enjoyed by Airbus A330-200 has allowed Air Algérie in achieving expansion of its long-haul network. In addition to network expansion and frequency increases, the Algerian flag carrier is in the process of cabin upgrades of its Airbus A330 aircraft fleet including new state of the art first class cabins and advanced In-flight entertainment systems (IFE).

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Flight Operational Commonality benefits:

For the airlines

- Greater operational flexibility
- Lower training costs and less time spent in training More efficient flying roster
- Reduced reserve pilot requirements

For the pilots

- More balanced workload
- Enhanced proficiency Better job prospects
- **Greater motivation**

Airbus Family: Flight Operational Commonality

Airbus jetliners have become the aircraft of choice for operators worldwide - from low-cost carriers to full-service airlines flying many of the longest routes around the globe. On the forefront of competitive advantages enjoyed by the Airbus aircraft family is the concept of Flight Operational Commonality (FOC).

The entire range of Airbus new-generation airliners features virtually identical flight decks, common systems and fly-by-wire controls. Consequently, handling characteristics, flight procedures and crew task sharing are so similar that pilots trained on one of these aircraft feel equally at home in any of the others. This enables them and the airlines they work for to benefit from Cross Crew Qualification (CCQ) and Mixed Fleet Flying (MFF).

Flight crew training is essential to a pilot's proficiency and career path but it is expensive and imposes a heavy burden upon an airline's organization. The conventional method of training pilots to move from one aircraft type to another

typically keeps them off the duty roster for five weeks. This, together with type-specific annual training requirements, would normally make multitype qualification uneconomic.

Fly-by-wire flight controls and a consistent flight deck and systems design philosophy enable Airbus to offer CCQ programmes and MFF opportunities to operators having more than one Airbus aircraft type.

The Airbus FOC features:

STR (Same Type Rating) Flying several aircraft models with a single license endorsement

CCQ (Cross Crew Qualification) Taking credit for learning already

MFF (Mixed Fleet Flying) Multi-type flying by one pool of pilots

