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# Blended Winglet Technology Multiplies Global Airline Productivity

*Aviation Partners Boeing will Performance Enhance a wide range of Boeing aircraft*

There's much more behind the graceful wind-sail like sweep of a Blended Winglet™ than aesthetic appeal. This revolutionary Performance Enhancing Technology, introduced by Aviation Partners Inc. over 12 years ago, has been so compelling in terms of performance and productivity advantages that both the airline and business aviation industries are embracing Blended Winglet Technology en masse.

**"I've always said that anytime you can increase the performance of an aircraft it's a wise investment," says Aviation Partners Inc. CEO and Aviation Partners Boeing Board Chairman Joe Clark. "The great thing about Blended Winglet Technology is that not only does it measurably improve performance, range and fuel savings but it also protects the environment. Once an aircraft is equipped with Blended Winglets it puts less pollutants into the environment, the noise footprint is smaller on takeoff and landing and operators save tens of thousands of gallons in reduced fuel burn per aircraft per year."**

To date, over 65% of the Gulfstream II business aircraft fleet has been upgraded to Blended Winglet Technology, all new Boeing Business Jets are delivered with Blended Winglets Systems and over 25% of all delivered Boeing 737-700s/800s are equipped with Blended Winglet Systems. **On May 29th Blended Winglets were certified for the Boeing 737-300 and on June 2nd Canadian low cost carrier WestJet signed an agreement with Aviation Partners Boeing for up to 94 Blended Winglet Shipsets for 737-700 series aircraft.**

CEO Mike Marino predicts that Aviation Partners Boeing has only scratched the surface in terms of Blended Winglet applications. **"Our revolutionary technology has already increased the productivity, performance and image of the Next Generation 737-700/800 product line. We are now offering Blended Winglets for the Classic Series 737-300/400. And, programs are underway to adapt this technology to the Boeing 747, 767 and 757 series as well as the Boeing 717 and MD80 series."**

While Europe has been a particularly important launch market for Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglet Technology, demand continues to escalate worldwide according to Vice President of Sales Sheldon Best. **"Our initial launch customers were in Europe but our Blended Winglets have been rapidly adopted throughout the European airline community, Asia/Pacific and Latin America. Our ultimate target, however, has always been to performance enhance every major 737 fleet in North America."**

To learn more about Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglet Technology see:  
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