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Qantas Signs Orders for 12 Blended Winglet Shipsets with Options for 42 Additional Shipsets

Qantas installed its first shipset of Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglets™ in January 2000 and currently operates a fleet of 21 winglet equipped NG 737-800s. With this order for 12 additional shipsets, Qantas will be operating 33 Blended Winglet Equipped 737s by the end of 2005.

“We’re really pleased that Qantas continues to see the measurable benefits of Blended Winglet Technology in their highly competitive market,” says Aviation Partners Boeing CEO Mike Marino. “Blended Winglets allow Qantas to operate its 737-800s at the peak of efficiency while keeping costs low and flying the most capable aircraft available for their routes.”

Blended Winglets help Qantas shave over 3% off annual fuel bills for each and every 737-800 it operates and up to 5% when flying longer haul missions at the design limits of the aircraft. Also, by improving takeoff performance at obstacle-limited runways, a Blended Winglet Equipped Qantas 737-800 can depart with 3100 kg more payload than a non-wingleted aircraft.

“Having an airline with the reputation and history of Qantas to validate the measurable benefits of our technology is very gratifying,” says Aviation Partners Boeing Senior Vice President of Marketing Dick Friel. “Today, over 30 airlines worldwide are improving range, saving fuel, reducing engine maintenance cost and enjoying an assortment of environmental benefits with Blended Winglet Technology.”

Aviation Partners Boeing is a joint venture between Aviation Partners, Inc. and The Boeing Company. To learn more about patented Blended Winglet Technology, go to www.aviationpartnersboeing.com for more information.

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