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American Airlines Buys Blended Winglets™

American Airlines Orders 20 Boeing 757-200 Blended Winglet Systems with Options for 123 Additional Systems

Seattle, WA. September 15, 2005...American Airlines is investing in Aviation Partners Boeing Performance Enhancing Blended Winglet Technology to cut its ever-increasing fuel costs. After a rigorous evaluation process, American Airlines determined that Blended Winglets are the most elegant solution for making its fleet of 757-200's more cost effective.

"Our visible technology will give American Airlines the range/payload benefits to enhance operational capability on its existing route structure and potentially open up new market opportunities," says Patrick LaMoria, Aviation Partners Boeing VP of Sales & Contracts. "Given the current market, and the tough financial conditions air carriers are operating under today, this important order really showcases the outstanding value of our Performance Enhancing Technology."

American will retrofit 20 of its 757-200's with Blended Winglets at its maintenance facility in Tulsa, Oklahoma beginning in November and continuing on through early 2007. As part of the agreement, American will also retrofit one of its Next Generation Boeing 737-800s with Blended Winglets this October.

Blended Winglets improve aerodynamic efficiency of an aircraft. A Boeing 757 or 737 equipped with Blended Winglets burns up to 5% less block fuel, benefiting the environment through reduced engine emissions of carbon monoxide and nitrous oxide.

"This order is a huge boost to our program and we're delighted to have American's endorsement of our technology," says Aviation Partners Boeing CEO Mike Marino. "We just can't overstate the value of having a customer as prestigious and well known for its technological innovation as American Airlines."

Aviation Partners Boeing has delivered nearly 800 Blended Winglet Systems to date with over 650 on firm order and more than 1200 additional on option.

"Blended Winglets are the right product, at the right time and at the right price for airlines looking to reduce fuel costs and increase operational flexibility," says Aviation Partners Boeing Chairman Joe Clark.

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