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## **Air Algerie Orders Blended Winglets™ for Boeing 737-800s**

*Algerian National Carrier Saves Fuel and Increases Payloads with Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglet Technology*

In July, Air Algerie will become the first commercial operator in North Africa to fly with Performance Enhancing Blended Winglet Technology. This successful and expanding Algiers-based carrier will take delivery of 3 shipsets of APB Blended Winglets from Boeing as buyer furnished equipment (BFE) with the option to upgrade all of its existing Next Generation 737-800s.

**“Blended Wing Technology is finding its way, and proving its benefits, in all regions of the world and with all types and sizes of operators,” says Aviation Partners Boeing CEO Mike Marino. “For Air Algerie, the benefits of Blended Winglets are across the board in terms of significant monthly fuel savings, boosted fuel reserves on long haul routes, a modern image and additional payload from high elevation and shorter airfields.”**

With 737-800 annual utilization rates of close to 3000 hours per aircraft, Air Algerie will save over 11,000 gallons of fuel per month per aircraft with Aviation Partners Boeing patented\* Blended Winglet Technology. In a day and age when fuel prices are rising globally, investing in Blended Winglet Technology is one of the only ways to permanently hedge on future fuel costs.

In addition to measurable fuel savings, Air Algerie looks forward to benefiting from increased passenger payloads from shorter and higher elevation runways in Algeria.

**“With Blended Winglets, Air Algerie’s 737-800 will have the ability to depart Constantine Algeria, with its higher elevation and shorter runways, with 2500 pounds additional payload,” says Aviation Partners Boeing Sales Director Christopher Stafford. “This boosts load capacity to by more than 12 additional passengers per flight. As Air Algerie operates 28 scheduled flights per week from Constantine, the carrier will have the ability to board 350 336 additional passengers each week, or about 1400 1344 additional passengers per month, thanks to the aerodynamic benefits of Blended Winglet Technology.”**

With almost 600 Boeing 737-800s and 700 currently updated with Blended Winglet Technology, and over 60% of all production 737-800s and 700s delivered with this Performance Enhancing Technology, the future truly is “On the Wing.”

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