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## **flyglobespan is First Airline in U.K to Fly with Blended Winglet Technology**

*flyglobespan Achieves First Revenue Flight with Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglets™ March 31, 2005*

The first airline in the United Kingdom to order Blended Winglet Technology is also the first in the region to fly with this revolutionary Performance Enhancing Technology. After a quick 3-day winglet installation, over the weekend at ATC Lasham, flyglobespan's newest Boeing 737-800 flew a full passenger load from Glasgow, Scotland to Las Palmas, Spain (3225 km).

**"We have achieved our goal of moving to Blended Winglets and we're enjoying the benefits that go with having this technology," says flyglobespan Director of Engineering David Hughes. "With the price of fuel going out of all proportion, anything we can do to reduce that fuel burn we will do. After evaluating various aerodynamic upgrade options on the market, we elected to go with Aviation Partners Boeing. Blended Winglets enhance our capabilities while making our aircraft look like the ultimate 737 — all at a payback period of under 4 years."**

flyglobespan's next Blended Winglet Equipped 737-800 goes into service late April and the carrier is considering patented\* Blended Winglets for its existing 737-600s. On the inaugural flight from Glasgow to Las Palmas Senior Captain Terry Perris observed a faster climb to altitude and fuel savings of close to 6% says Hughes.

**"Everyone in our organization is impressed with the benefits of Blended Winglets and we're giving ourselves a double pat on the back as the first carrier in the UK to order, and fly with, this technology. As airlines in Europe observe more and more scheduled and low fare carriers flying with Blended Winglets they're going to stand back and wonder why they have not yet invested in this technology."**

Today, over 65% of all new Boeing 737-700s and 800s are factory equipped with revolutionary Blended Winglet Technology. By mid 2005, over half of the world fleet of Boeing 737-700s and 800s will be wearing Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglets.

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\*Patent No. 5348253

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