A350 XWB FULL-FLIGHT SIMULATOR INSTALLED AT AIRBUS TRAINING CENTER IN MIAMI

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In the U.S., there are currently firm orders for 82 A350 XWB aircraft: American Airlines has 22 A350-900s on order; Delta Air Lines has ordered 25 A350-900s; and United Airlines has 35 A350-1000s on order.

The Miami ATC serves as a Center of Excellence for the Americas. Built in 1999, the facility complements other “*Training by Airbus*” facilities in Toulouse, Beijing, Hamburg, Bangalore, and the recently inaugurated flight-training center in Singapore. The custom-designed, 110,000-square-foot complex in Miami has a total of seven full-flight simulators, as well as cabin door and slide trainers, state-of-the-art computer-based training classrooms and seven flight training devices simulating A320, A330, A340 and now A350 XWB aircraft. Approximately 2,200 trainees from Airbus operators in the U.S., Canada and Latin America attend training annually at the Miami ATC.

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