



# FIRST BELUGAXL BECOMES AIRBORNE FOR ITS MAIDEN FLIGHT

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**The first BelugaXL took off this morning from Blagnac in Toulouse, France at 10:30 hrs local time, for its maiden flight over south-western France. The aircraft is the first of five BelugaXL to enter into service later in 2019 and to gradually replace the BelugaST transporters.**



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The crew in the cockpit on board this flight comprised: Captain Christophe Cail, Co-Pilot Bernardo Saez-Benito Hernandez and Test-Flight Engineer Jean Michel Pin. Meanwhile, monitoring the aircraft systems and performance in real-time at the flight-test-engineer's (FTE) station were Laurent Lapiere and Philippe Foucault.

The BelugaXL was launched in November 2014 to address the transport and ramp-up capacity requirements for Airbus beyond 2019. The new oversize air transporters are based on the A330-200 Freighter, with a large re-use of existing components and equipment.

#BelugaXL

## BelugaXL

**AIRCRAFT DIMENSIONS**

-  Overall Length **63.1m**
-  Height **18.9m**
-  Fuselage diameter **8.8m**
-  Wingspan **60.3m**
-  Wing area **361.6m<sup>2</sup>**



11 destinations

**BASIC OPERATION DATA**

- Transport capacity  
 **2 A350 XWB wings**  
(while current Beluga transports just one)
- Range  
 **4,000 KM**  
**2200nm**  
at max payload (51 tonnes)
- MTOW  
 **227 tonnes**  
Maximum take-off weight
- Engines  
 **Rolls Royce Trent 700**

**5 BelugaXL**  
+30% extra transport capacity

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