

TOTALCARE FLEX SERVICES FOR AIR CANADA'S TRENT 700 FLEET BY ROLLS-ROYCE

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A new TotalCare® Flex agreement was signed between Rolls-Royce and Air Canada that will ensure the availability of the airline's Trent 700 until fleet retirement.

The agreement marks a new milestone for TotalCare Flex, designed for owners and operators of mature engines. It is the first to be signed for the Trent 700, which entered service in 1995, and is in addition to TotalCare Flex agreements on Trent 800 and Trent 500 engines.

To date, the Air Canada fleet of Trent 700-powered Airbus A330s has achieved more than 700,000 flying hours. With the first aircraft now reaching approximately 20 years in service, the reliability and durability of the Trent 700 is unparalleled.

TotalCare Flex builds on the success of Rolls-Royce TotalCare, where the needs of the aircraft operator and engine manufacturer are fully aligned with the shared goal of maximising engine time on wing.

TotalCare Flex tailors that service specifically for customers seeking economical management of mature engines. Operators can lower the cost of engine ownership, freeing up cash flow for other parts of the business.

Adair Swan, Rolls-Royce Programme Director - Mature Large Engines said: “This is further evidence of our commitment to transform our services, providing the right care at the right time for our customers’ engines. The Trent 700 is our most successful engine programme and kicked off the Trent family success story. As it reaches maturity, we can provide operators with this innovative and flexible service to guarantee the performance of the engine, right up to the aircraft’s final day in service.”

Richard Steer, Air Canada Senior VP Operation said: “We are pleased to be the first Trent 700 operator to adopt TotalCare Flex with a long-standing, reputable supplier such as Rolls-Royce. This further extends the strong business partner relationship already established over the years Air Canada has operated the fleet of A330 aircraft, and furthers Air Canada’s goal to operate mature fleets in a cost-effective manner.”

What is TotalCare Flex?

As engines reach maturity, operators require predictability and reliability to keep passengers flying, as well as preserving the value of the engine as it nears retirement from the fleet.

TotalCare Flex provides all the risk transfer characteristics of TotalCare, but recognises that customers want to minimise costs, while releasing all the engine life before the aircraft is retired from service.

Rolls-Royce can perform a full overhaul of the engine to maximise time on-wing, or a partial overhaul that takes the engine to its retirement date. It can also provide an engine swap. Engine maintenance costs are fixed, and operators receive value for the life of the engine.

And finally, like all TotalCare services, business structures are aligned, with Rolls-Royce and the operator both working towards keeping aircraft flying.

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