AIR CHINA CARGO BECOMES NEW AIRBUS A350F FREIGHTER CUSTOMER

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Air China Cargo signed a purchase agreement for six Airbus A350F becoming the first customer to order the all-new A350F in the Chinese mainland. Air China Cargo, headquartered in Beijing, is China's only cargo airline that carries the national flag. Since June 2025, the airline has been operating all cargo aircraft in North China, East China, South China, and Southwest China. It has also opened 25 all-cargo routes to major regions and cities around the world, including Asia-Pacific, Europe, the Americas and the Middle East. The airline's dedicated freighter and passenger belly network is further supplemented by more than 1,500 global ground trucking routes.

Wang Hongyan, Vice President of Air China Cargo commented: "The introduction of the A350F to our existing mixed cargo fleet contributes to efficiency in operation and maintenance. The A350F will enhance Air China Cargo's capability to withstand risks in its long-term stable operation."

Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, Airbus EVP Sales of the Commercial Aircraft business stated: "We are delighted to welcome Air China Cargo as the latest customer for the A350F. The A350F will bring new generation efficiency and performance as well as new levels of capacity and unprecedented

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loading flexibility. We look forward to ensuring a seamless integration into Air China Cargo’s operation.”

Engineered as the world's most advanced freighter aircraft, the A350F is designed to meet the evolving needs of the global air cargo market (Express, general cargo, special cargo, etc.). It will carry up to 111 tonnes and cover a range of 8,700 km. Powered by Rolls-Royce Trent XWB-97 engines, it will offer up to 40% reduction in fuel consumption and CO? emissions compared to previous generation aircraft.

Made of over 70% advanced materials, the A350F will be 46 tonnes lighter than competitors and will feature the industry's largest main deck cargo door. It is the only freighter fully meeting ICAO's 2027 CO? standards and by the time it enters service it will be 50% SAF capable, with a target for 100% by 2030. Currently, the assembly of test aircraft in Toulouse is underway.

At the end of October 2025, the latest generation widebody A350 Family had won 1,445 orders from 63 customers worldwide, including 74 for the all-new A350F from 12 customers.

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