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First aircraft arrives with curved wingtips

ALOHA SHOWS OFF ITS WINGLETS

HONOLULU – Aloha Airlines today welcomed the first of its Boeing 737-700 aircraft equipped with fuel-efficient, performance-enhancing blended winglets.

Blended winglets are gracefully contoured wing-tip devices that are designed to lessen drag and thereby reduce fuel consumption. The first Aloha 737-700 with the distinctive upturned wingtips, Aircraft 745 (*'Aukele Nui A Iku*), arrived today from Vancouver, Canada.

“Aloha will reap the benefits of this performance-enhancing technology immediately,” said Glenn R. Zander, Aloha’s president and chief executive officer. “By adding winglets, we will save more than 106,000 gallons of fuel per aircraft per year, and this comes at a time when fuel costs are particularly high.”

“The advantages of this technology go beyond fuel savings,” Zander said. Winglets will enable us to fly at higher initial cruise altitudes and increase the payload and range of our aircraft, making it more efficient for us to serve international destinations like Vancouver and Rarotonga in the Cook Islands. And, there are environmental benefits because 737s equipped with winglets are much quieter on take-off.”

In July, Aloha signed an agreement with Seattle-based Aviation Partners Boeing, which developed Blended Winglet Technology™, to install winglets on Aloha’s entire transpacific fleet.

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By the end of October, four of Aloha's next-generation 700s will be operating with winglets. Among them will be the 11th and newest aircraft in Aloha's fleet, which will arrive next month, already equipped with winglets. Founded in 1946, Aloha is Hawaii's favorite airline. Aloha now flies to eight cities in North America and to destinations in the Central and South Pacific. With an all- Boeing-737 fleet, Aloha provides the highest level of in-flight service to and through the State of Hawaii. For more information about Aloha Airlines, visit www.AlohaAirlines.com on the Internet.

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