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Aviation Partners Boeing teams up with WestJet to launch 737-600 Blended Winglet™ Program

Canadian Carrier Saves Fuel and Boosts Route Opportunities with Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglet Technology

WestJet enhanced its position as the low cost and innovation leader in Canadian aviation in 2003 when it became the North American Blended Winglet launch operator for Boeing Next Generation 737-700 series aircraft. Today, WestJet enters the record books again as the inaugural customer for Aviation Partners Boeing's 737-600 Blended Winglet Performance Enhancement Program.

"WestJet invested in the future last year with orders and options for 94 737-700 Blended Winglet Systems," says Aviation Partners Boeing CEO Mike Marino. "We are now pleased to announce that WestJet will become our partner in certifying Blended Winglets for the 737-600. Flight testing, with a WestJet-provided aircraft, will run from March – May 2006 with FAA and Transport Canada certification expected the following July."

Investing in Aviation Partners Boeing's visible technology pays off for WestJet in fuel and maintenance cost savings, boosted range capability and a modern high-tech image. Additional benefits of patented* Blended Winglet Technology include environmental advantages in reduced engine emissions and quieter landings and take offs.

Since going public in 1999, WestJet has developed a coast-to-coast network serving 24 Canadian cities and eight U.S. cities. Positioned as the low-fare leader in Canada, WestJet looks forward to deploying its Blended Winglet range-enhanced 737s for new extended over-water applications.

"Blended Winglets will give WestJet the additional range and fuel margins to help initiate longer ETOPS-type operations to international destinations," says Aviation Partners Boeing Vice President of Sales and Contracts Patrick LaMoria.

By mid-2005, over half of the world fleet of Boeing 737-700s and 800s will be wearing Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglets.

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