
Air Mauritius selects ASL's plug and play IFE system

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Air Mauritius has placed a contract with Airline Services Ltd for the company's new enhanced definition digital video player - the AeroStream XP1. The light weight IFE system has been selected for their Airbus A330 and A340 fleet and installation of an initial 40 units will begin this year.

AeroStream XP1 is a new generation plug-and-play device designed and developed by ASL's aviation engineers, primarily targeting the IFE retrofit market. The single channel AeroStream XP1, which was recently on display at ASL's stand at Aircraft Interiors Expo in Hamburg, enables airlines to cost-effectively upgrade their IFE system quickly and inexpensively as VHS video tapes are become obsolete and DVD players are becoming out-dated. Cyprus Airways was the launch customer for ASL's AeroStream XP1 earlier this year for its Airbus A321 aircraft.

With up to 160GB memory the unit can store in excess of 25 films at a time (MPEG2). The unit converts digital data into a composite signal for older generation IFE monitors. The AeroStream XP1 has the capability to serve as a stand-alone unit or slave unit for multi-channel systems, and is small enough to fit into an overhead bin, weighing just 1.5kg. Encrypted content updates are managed via a secure FTP data transfer interface, which is fully approved by all US-based studios and distributors including Disney, Twentieth Century Fox, Warner Bros, Sony, Universal and Paramount for early window content.

"This means that passengers can enjoy the latest films from Hollywood inflight, rather than a restricted and limited library of old movies on VHS," said ASL Board Member, responsible for IFE Simon Sixsmith.

The company also announced recently that it is bolstering the media content box of its AeroStream XP1 new generation digital video recorder with the addition of audio video on demand with new products - its FXP 2000 AVOD and FXP 1000 Broadcast Series. The latter gives control to airlines with the latest preloaded inflight movies. ASL is working toward certification of FXP 2000 and FXP 1000 this year.