#### 787 | Extended Operations (ETOPS) March 2013

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# **Explaining ETOPS – Extended Operations**

- ETOPS is the permission granted by regulators for an airplane to fly at extended distances from an airport suitable for landing.
- ETOPS approval requires manufacturers demonstrate compliance with ETOPS regulations for the airplane.
- Operators must also receive authority to fly ETOPS based on their ETOPS programs and operational capability.

#### **ETOPS Enables More Direct and Efficient Routing**

## **ETOPS History Shows Evolution of Rules**

- 1953 The "60-Minute Rule" prohibits two-engine airplanes from routes more than 60 minutes from an adequate airport.
- 1985 ETOPS exemptions allowed with proven performance. Twinjets allowed up to 120 minutes from a suitable airport.
- 1988 180-minute ETOPS exemptions allowed.
- 1995 ETOPS possible from first day of operations.

#### **Over 25 Years of History and Safe Flights with ETOPS**

#### **Recent ETOPS Developments**

- 2000 207-minute ETOPS policy enacted for North Pacific based on operational need, preservation of safety and 777 ETOPS capability.
- 2007 FAA established the first real rules for ETOPS. No longer confined to 180-minutes, ETOPS limits are now based on the proven capabilities of the airplane.
- 2007 FAA also established requirements for three- and four-engine airplanes when flown more than 180 minutes from a suitable airport.

#### **ETOPS Expanded Based on Proven Safety and Reliability**

# **Allowing Optimal Use of Twinjet Advantages**

- Twinjet efficiency advantage is multiplied when paired with ETOPS:
  - Industry leading safety record.
  - More fuel efficient.
  - More point-to-point city-pair operations.
  - Fewer emissions.
  - Superior reliability.
  - Lower maintenance cost.
- Twinjets and ETOPS have substantially reduced the overall environmental footprint of aviation

# **Current Boeing ETOPS Approvals**

- 737 Classic 120 minutes
- 737NG 180 minutes
- 757 180 minutes
- 767 180 minutes
- 777 up to 330 minutes
- 787 180 minutes

## **Design Requirements for ETOPS Airplanes**

- ETOPS design requirements are intended to preclude the need to divert, and to protect the safety of a long diversion if it becomes necessary.
- "Preclude" and "protect" approach enhances airplane design:
  - Increased reliability and redundancy.
  - Increased auxiliary power unit (APU) capability.
  - Better fuel availability to any engine.
- ETOPS design intent is verified by analysis, lab tests, engine tests and airplane flight tests.

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# 787 ETOPS Engine Test Requirements Met

- Engines "flew" 3,000 simulated flight cycles while on the ground:
  - Simulated aircraft system loads.
  - Intentionally imbalanced to validate durability.
  - Thrust reverser system used.
  - Multiple 330-minute maximum continuous thrust diversion cycle
  - Full post-test tear-down and inspection.



## 787 ETOPS Flight Test Requirements Met

- During its flight test program, the 787 demonstrated that it met regulatory requirements for ETOPS including:
  - Multiple safe flights of 345-minutes with only a single-engine operating.
  - Multiple safe flights of 345-minutes with numerous systems intentionally failed.
  - Maximum duration flight.



### **787 Fleet Performance Monitored**

- ETOPS approval requires on-going tracking and reporting of engine problems.
- Additional reporting of certain types of events is required in initial operations, including:
  - Electrical failures.
  - Fuel loss or unavailability.
  - Cabin pressure failures.
  - Turn backs and diversions.
- Resolution of such events in the initial period must be approved by the FAA.



 After the initial period, ongoing reporting continues as problems are discovered and resolved, assuring continuous improvement of safety and reliability.

#### **787 Events Understood Sooner**

- Dedicated 787 Operations Control Center monitors fleet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Automatically receives performance data from 787s in flight, in real time.
- Provides feedback opportunities on fleet performance not currently available on any other airplane model.



### 787 Compares Favorably to 777



#### **Significantly Fewer Reportable Events**

#### 787 Has Fewer Reportable Events than 777



## 787 Continues Safe ETOPS Legacy

- All ETOPS regulatory requirements are being met.
- Performance is on par with industry best (777).
- More intense in-service fleet monitoring than any other program.

