

Aviator 200 wins three approvals for smaller aircraft

Thrane & Thrane's (stand 979) compact Aviator 200 in-flight connectivity system with built-in wi-fi capability has received three supplemental type certificates on a range of smaller aircraft.

The Aviator 200 system uses Inmarsat's L-band satellite-based

SwiftBroadband SB200 service, which offers up to 200Kbps "always-on" IP connection and a simultaneous low-cost, high-quality voice channel.

It has received STCs for use aboard the Beechcraft King Air 200; Cessna 500, 550, S550, 552, 560, and 560XL; and Citation

525/525A (CJ1/CJ2). It is the only SB200-supported system to have received STC approval to date, according to Thrane.

"The Aviator 200 offers a range of exciting capabilities, particularly to smaller aircraft. With business jet travellers frequently required to stay con-

nected while on the move, the Aviator 200 offers the ideal solution, enabling executives to send emails and make calls so they can stay on top of business during the flight," said Kim Gram, vice-president of Thrane & Thrane's aeronautical business unit. Thrane & Thrane's suite of

Aviator systems support the use of SwiftBroadband service aboard a wide range of aircraft. The portfolio includes the Aviator 700 and Aviator 350 high-gain antenna options, Aviator 300 with intermediate-gain antenna as well as the lightweight Aviator 200 low-gain antenna.

Comlux extends VVIP offering with first A320 Prestige

Comlux (stand 142) has become the first charter company to offer all three Airbus Corporate Jetliner models, having taken delivery of its first A320 Prestige.

The latest aircraft is on show in the static park, giving EBACE visitors a glimpse into the world of the VVIP traveller.

The narrowbody airliner began commercial operations earlier this month with the Zurich-headquartered company's charter and management offering Fly Comlux. There are already three A318 Elites and two ACJs in the fleet.

Designed by Comlux Creatives, the aircraft's interior was outfitted in Indianapolis by its Comlux America completion centre.

The main room offers a VIP lounge with an L-shaped divan, two club seats and a large dining table for six guests. In the middle of the cabin a fully private compartment offers either a lounge for the day or a large double bed for night along with a bathroom and shower. Suitable for up to 19 passengers, the cabin has been intentionally designed for the Middle East charter market, with designated business- and economy-class seats that allow the transport of an entourage. This A320 is equipped with the latest technologies including GSM, new touchscreens, mood-lighting, wi-fi internet access and iPod/iPhone stands enabling VIP passengers to enjoy a state-of-the-art in-flight experience.

"Our engineers have used specific materials in the cabin, enhancing the cabin quietness. They also worked on a weight-reduction programme to increase the aircraft's performance," said Comlux.



It's an inside job: left to right: Richard Gaona – president Comlux, Francois Chazelle – VP Airbus Corporate Jets, Ettore Rodaro – president Comlux America, Tim Callies – head of Comlux Creatives, Andrea Zanetto – CEO Fly Comlux.