



FACC RECEIVES STC APPROVAL FOR ITS PASSENGER LUGGAGE SPACE UPGRADE PROGRAM

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FACC has successfully reached another milestone in the implementation of its interior strategy: For the solution developed by FACC to significantly increase the luggage stowage space, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has issued a Supplemental Type Certification (STC) to FACC for the "Passenger Luggage Space Upgrade" to be installed in the A320 aircraft family. At the same time, FACC also extended the scope of work as a design organization (DOA) with STC projects and major repairs. Within its new Aftermarket Services business segment, these approvals will provide FACC with further opportunities to benefit from growth in the global retrofit market.

In addition to its core business - the development and manufacture of lightweight components for the global aircraft industry - FACC has also successfully established itself as a qualified partner in aftermarket services with its expertise as an OEM and its specialist know-how in the field of aircraft components. "With the latest certification, we are now able to offer all airlines a Passenger Luggage Space Upgrade as a retrofit for the classic cabin of the A318, A319, A320 and A321 Airbus models," said Robert Machtlinger, CEO of FACC. "In addition to the modern look, our new system offers considerably more stowage space for luggage. Another major advantage is easier and faster handling, resulting in shorter boarding times and cost savings."

The new **"Passenger Luggage Space Upgrade"** is one of FACC's latest innovations in the field of aircraft interiors. This Interior product not only enhances the ambience of the cabin, but also

improves their functionality by increasing stowage space by 67% while reducing weight. The modified overhead stowage compartments can now fit up to five hand luggage cases instead of just three. The newly designed cabin doors also offer airlines a wide range of customization and branding options. Moreover, the retrofit can be installed in the aircraft in just a few hours.

By issuing the **extension certificate for STC and major repairs**, EASA confirms that FACC as a design organization has successfully established the requisite expertise and processes in accordance with legal requirements in order to develop and approve major changes and repairs to aircraft. The **Supplemental Type Certification (STC)** is part of the required EASA certificate of airworthiness and, for the first time, entitles FACC to carry out substantial modifications to an aircraft by means of the component developed by its design organization. The launch customer for the FACC upgrade program is Austrian Airlines.

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