

728JET - A New Family of Regional Aircraft

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728 New Family of Regional Transport Aircraft

Market Situation

Demand in regional air transport is still growing fast. The hub and spoke system reaches ist limits in busy regions. More slots can not be made available at major hubs. Direct links to smaller communities/airfields could avoid congestion at hubs.

Propeller Aircraft are rated as less comfortable, noisy, unsafe and old fashioned. Some fatal accidents in flights under icing conditions are serious arguments. The public not fully understand the real causes:

- insufficient ice protection of critical leading edges in front of control surfaces,

- operational aspects when flying through frizzing drizzle or super cooled droplets at high liquid water content.

New regional transport aircraft must offer comfort and reliability like the modern large Airliners, but operate at lower cost.

In past 10 years period (1989-1998) 2336 aircraft in the capacity range of 40 to 110 seats (1005 turboprops and 1331 jets.) are delivered. Forecast for the next 10 years period is 3710 aircraft in that capacity range, in a split of 560 turboprops and 3150 jets.

Strong cost driven competition forced major airlines to form global alliances and get also control on regional Air transport. The big 4 group: Star Alliance, Wings; Qualiflyer and Oneworld are dominating today's air transport by serving more than 2800 international cities world-wide, flying more than 600 million passengers a year and a turnover of 110 billion US\$ per year. They play an important role now in decision making process on regional aircraft. It is not the small airline any more we are selling to.

Number of OEM's are down to 3 in the regional jet market. Cost competition and risky investment in new programs limit survival chances to 2 or 3 OEM's at maximum.

Aircraft Layout

New aircraft have to be overall more attractive than competing one's already in service. Beside performance and cost, cabin layout has high impact on passenger appeal. Seat width, -pitch, head-, shoulder-, window seat foot clearance and isle width are rated comfort parameters. In 728 design a family of aircraft sizes (55, 70, 100 seats) is considered from the beginning. Trade-off studies advised optimum cabin width of 128 inch in a 5 abreast seat arrangement for tourist- and 4 abreast in first class. It offers more space than today's regional aircraft and is like A320 ore Boeing 717.

The required field-, climb- and cruise performance could best be met by a low wing, below wing mounted engines and low horizontal stabilizer configuration, at lower weight and less drag. With doors front and aft it allows an undisturbed cabin (no emergency exits in between), it provides flexibility for any cabin arrangement from 55 seater 528 to 105 seater 928.

A common wing of 75 sqm with slats, inboard Krüger flaps and single slotted flaps meets performance required for 728 and 528. For 928 wing size will increase to 84sqm by extended wing tips and redesigned inboard section. Fine tuning of wing design by reshaping of pylon leading edge and reduced gap between extended Krüger flap and pylon helped to increase max lift coefficient. Beside a drag cleanup, staggering of fin and tail with fin tuning of rear fuselage reduced drag by 6 %. Results are now confirmed by wind tunnel testing. Power is provided by General Electric CF43-8D Engines with 46,2 inch fan for 728, derated for 528 and -10Dderivative with 53 inch fan in a modified nacelle for 928.

Progress in Aircraft Systems

Aiming for reliable low cost operation with minimum time on ground at acceptable pilot work load are arguments for higher system integration and application of new technologies. Here only examples are given.

Avionics

Primus EPIC avionics system from Honeywell with it's bus systems links all other aircraft systems together, provides reliable data processing, indication, monitoring and control via 2 cursor. It provides additional capabilities for future communication and navigation systems. All systems status data are processed in smart centralized maintenance computer and necessary action after next landing are transmitted to the ground maintenance operation. All needed activities can be prepared before touch down and delays be minimized.

Flight controls

728 family will be equipped with all fly by wire flight controls with pilot fully in the loop. Mechanical inputs from the pilot be translated in electrical signals processed in duplex surface control modules, producing input signals to duplex actuator control units. Hydraulic actuator feed is by triplex power supply. Force feed back to pilot generates familiar handling qualities.

Electric Power Supply

Fly by wire flight controls require 4 independent electric power supply systems. 3 identical generators take power from each engine and APU, the forth generator is driven by ram air turbine in case of power loss in all 3 other supplies. Power is controlled by to 2 integrated primary -, 1 emergency- and 4 secondary control units; this avoids lots of fuses in the over head panel.

Operational Aspects

Technical efficiency can be measured in weight per passenger and block fuel burn per seat mile. Even with more comfortable fuselage diameter the 728 manufactures empty weight is below competitors aircraft and also is fuel burn. As final result the direct operating cost on example stage length of 500 NM 728 comes out 15 % better in seat mile cost and more or less equal in aircraft mile cost.

Cumulate noise level has margin of 15 EPNdB against ICAO Annex 16 requirements.

Emissions are fare below of ICAO Annex 16.

Impact of Commonality on Operation

In a mixed fleet of 42 aircraft with the capacity of 728 and 928 as common out of a family versus different models, investment saving can be 14 million US\$ and an annual saving of 8,5 million US\$.

Summary

Future traffic growth in regional transport can be served by bigger aircraft operated in the hub and spoke system and by more direct links. The 4 major alliances having more and more impact on regional air traffic now. The fierce competition is down to 3 OEM's. Regional aircraft have to offer comfort and operation like airliner but at lower cost. Higher aircraft system integration and fly by wire flight controls are good examples of technical improvements. Design for operational commonality can produce attractive cost savings in investment and operation of different capacity size family of aircraft.



• Is the Hub & Spoke System at its Growth Limits?

• Are More Direct Links Needed to Communities with Smaller Airfields?

• Propeller Aircraft are Out!



• Regional Aircraft must have Comfort and Reliability like Large Airliners

• - But at Lower Operating Cost



Aircraft Type	1989 - 1998	1999 - 2008
(No. of Seats)		
16 - 19 Turboprops	920	330
20 - 39 Turboprops	1.124	230
20 - 39 Jets	0	600
40 - 59 Turboprops	703	280
40 - 59 Jets	393	980
60 - 80 Turboprops	302	280
60 - 80 Jets	52	820
81 - 110 Jets	886	1,350
111 - 171 Jets	2,609	3,260
Single Aisle 171+ Jets	764	1,140
Medium Twin-Aisle Jets	1,501	1,820
Large Twin-Aisle Jets	479	420
Total (Aircraft)	9,733	11,510
Total (Seats)	1,406,845	1,839,626

Source: STG and AvSat (Commuter/Regional Airline News Sept. 6, 99



• Less Comfortable than Jets

Narrower seats, smaller seat pitch, narrower aisle, no standing room in the aisle

Too little space for hand luggage

Noisier

Vibration felt in the cabin

• Unsafe (?)





Turboprops are considered "old fashioned" and outdated



Conclusions from accidents with turboprops

- Run-back Ice on wing leading edge ahead of aileron
 - Insufficient chordwise ice protection coverage
 - Lost control and crashed

Interest and Inter

 Ice build-up resulted in higher stall speed

Aircraft flown too slow

Lost control and crashed







- Comfort equivalent to airline standard
- Same level of reliability
- All-weather capable (CAT IIIa)
- Turn-rounds in less than 20 minutes
- Airlines put more pressure on manufacturers
- Competition involves larger fleet deals
- Large airlines have more influence on selection & specification of regional a/c





STAR

Lufthansa, United Airlines, SAS, Air Canada, Thai, Varig, SIA, Air New Zealand, Ansett, ANA, (Austrian)







Alitalia

KLM, Northwest, Aer Lingus, Martinair, Transavia, JAS, Jet Airways, Garuda







Swissair, Sabena, Turkish Airlines, TAP Air Portugal, Crossair, Lauda Air, Tyrolean Airways, Air Littoral, AOM, Air Europe, (Austrian)

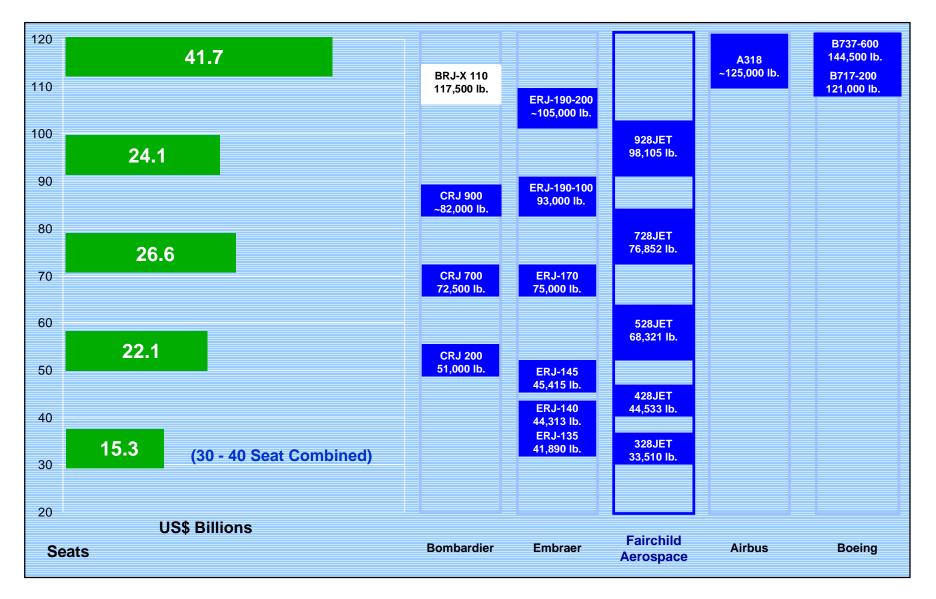


oneworld

British Airways, American Airlines,Canadian Airlines, Cathay Pacific,Qantas, Finnair, Iberia(LanChile, Aer Lingus)



The 10 Year Market (Estimation: No. of Aircraft x list prices, in US \$ Billions)





Bombardier



CRJ 200 CRJ 700

BRJ-X-90 BRJ-X-110

Embraer



EMB 135 EMB 140 EMB170 EMB 190

EMB 145





328JET 428JET
728JET
928JET
528JET

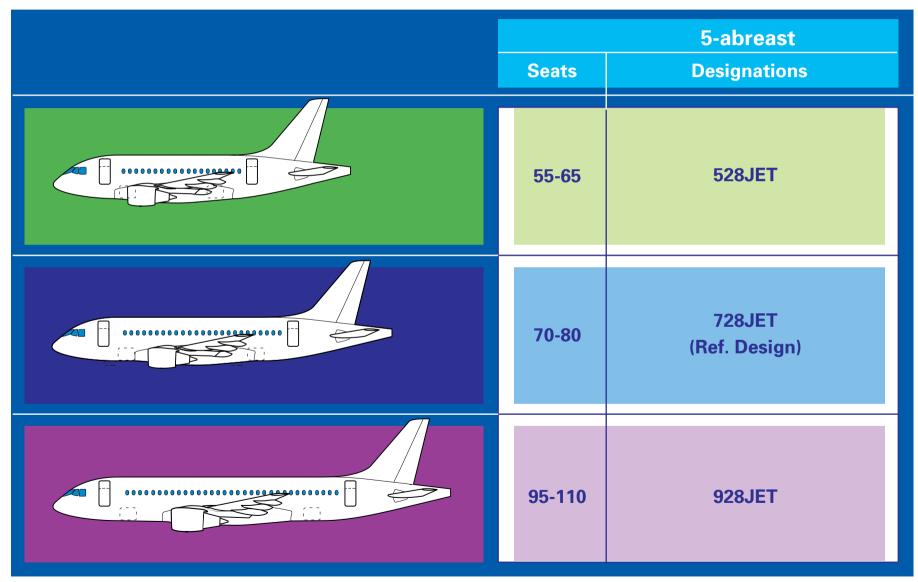








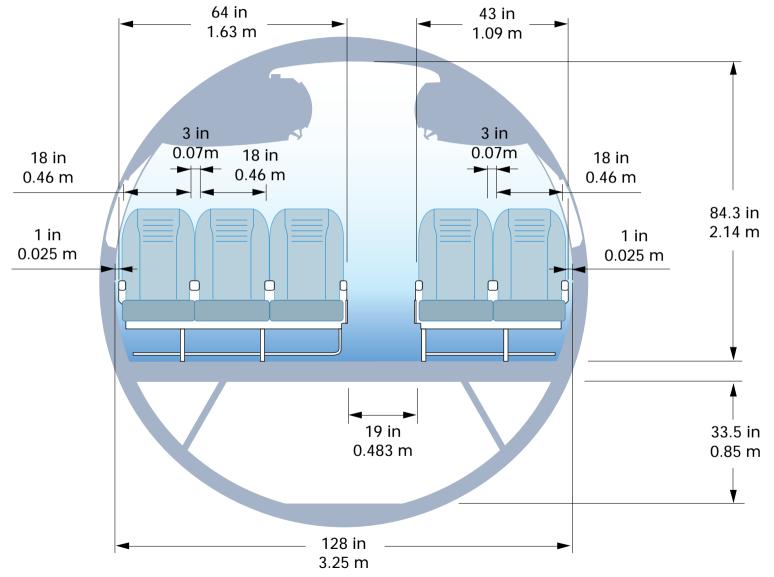
728JET Family Members



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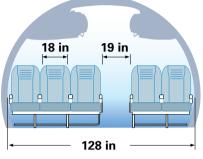
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Cross-Section 5-Abreast – 128 in

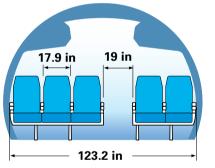


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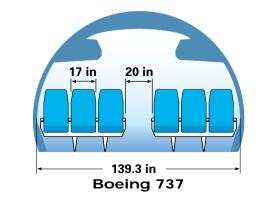
Cross section comparison

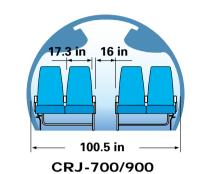


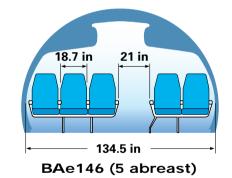


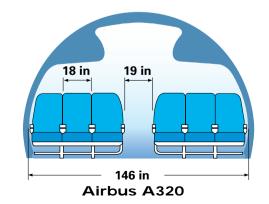


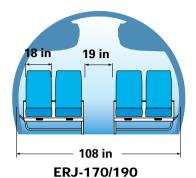
Boeing 717/DC9/MD80 series

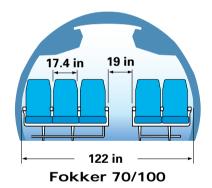


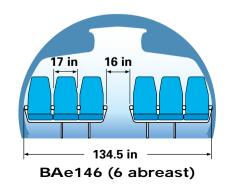








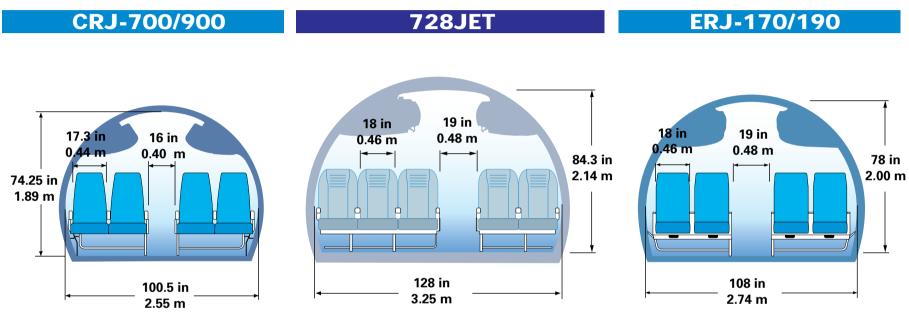


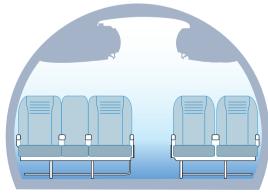


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728JET vs CRJ/ERJ – Cabin Cross Section



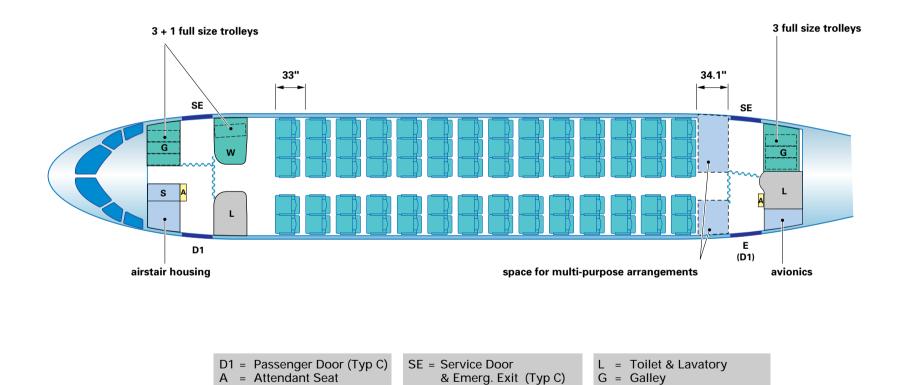


Business Class Arrangement (with Convertible Seats)



728JET Cabin Layout for 70 Passengers

70 Seats at 33" Seat Pitch



E = Emergency Exit (Typ C)

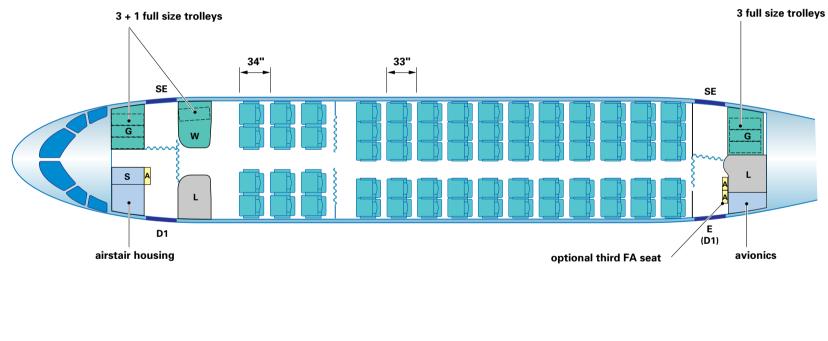
S = Storage

W = Wardrobe



728JET Mixed Class Cabin Layout 12/55 Passengers

67 Seats – 12 Seats at 34" and 55 Seats at 33" Seat Pitch



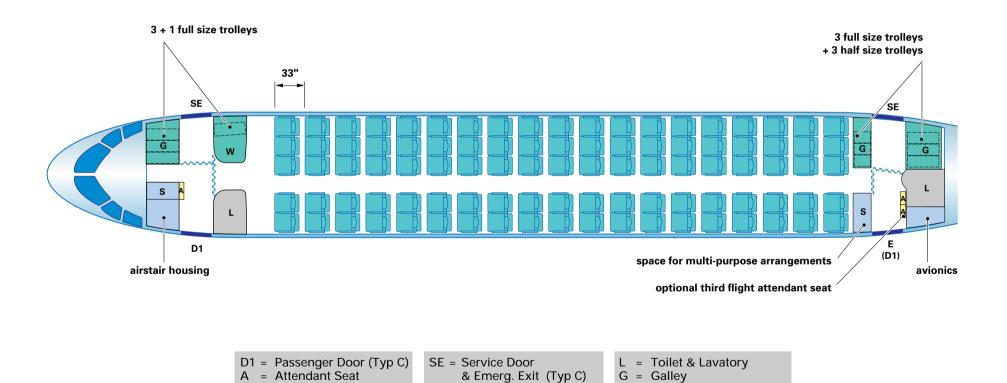
D1 = Passenger Door (Typ C)	SE = Service Door	L = Toilet & Lavatory
A = Attendant Seat	& Emerg. Exit (Typ C)	G = Galley
W = Wardrobe	E = Emergency Exit (Typ C)	S = Stowage

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928JET Cabin Layout for 95 Passengers

W = Wardrobe

95 Seats at 33" Seat Pitch



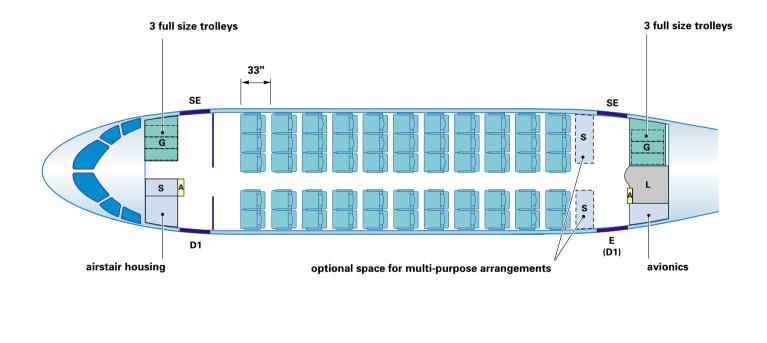
E = Emergency Exit (Typ C)

S = Storage



528JET Cabin Layout for 55 Passengers

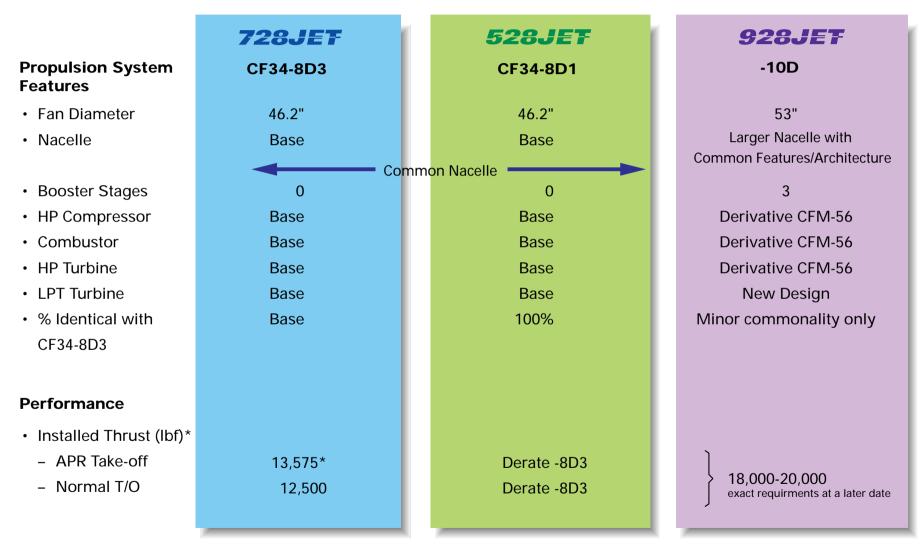
55 Seats at 33" Seat Pitch



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W = Wardrobe	E = Emergency Exit (Typ C)	S = Storage



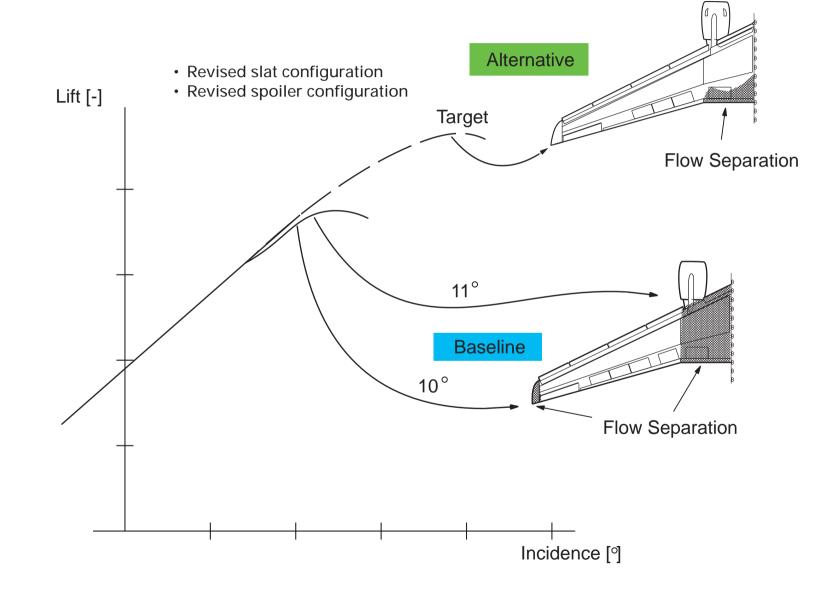
CF34-8D – Propulsion System Family



* Take-off ratings are installed SLS, flat rated to ISA+15°C except for the CF34-8D3 APR rating which is flat rated to ISA+9°C

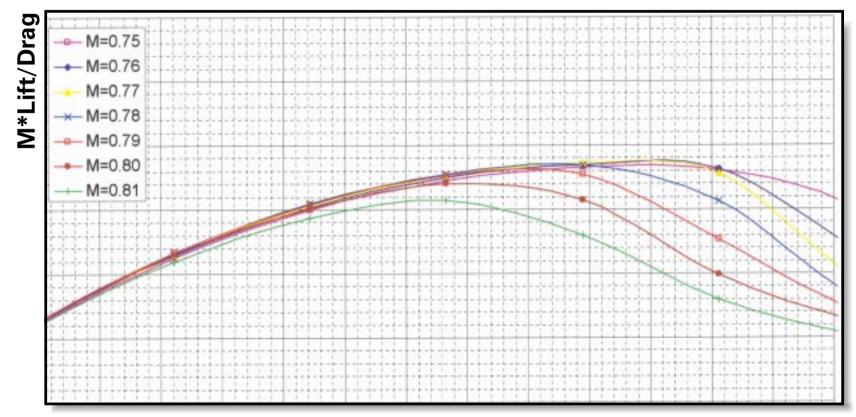


Wing Configuration Changes





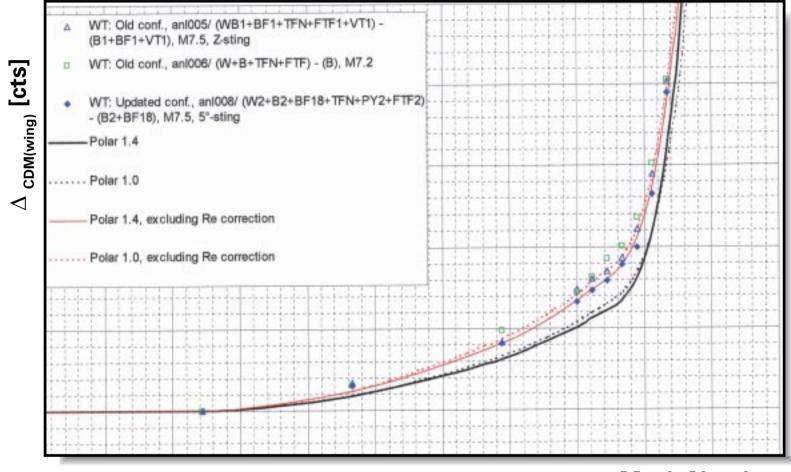
Aerodynamic Efficiency, Polar 1.4



C_L, Lift Coefficient



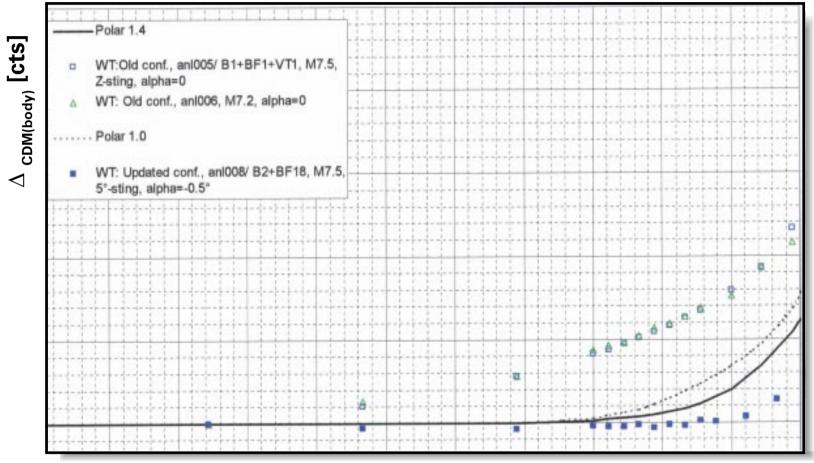
Mach Dependant Drag Due to the Wing



Mach Number

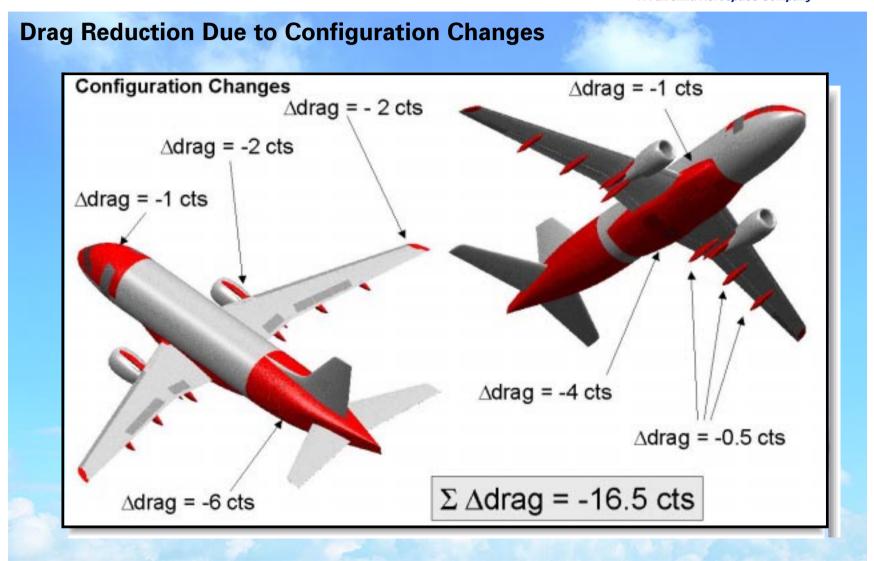


Mach Dependant Drag Due to the Fuselage Body

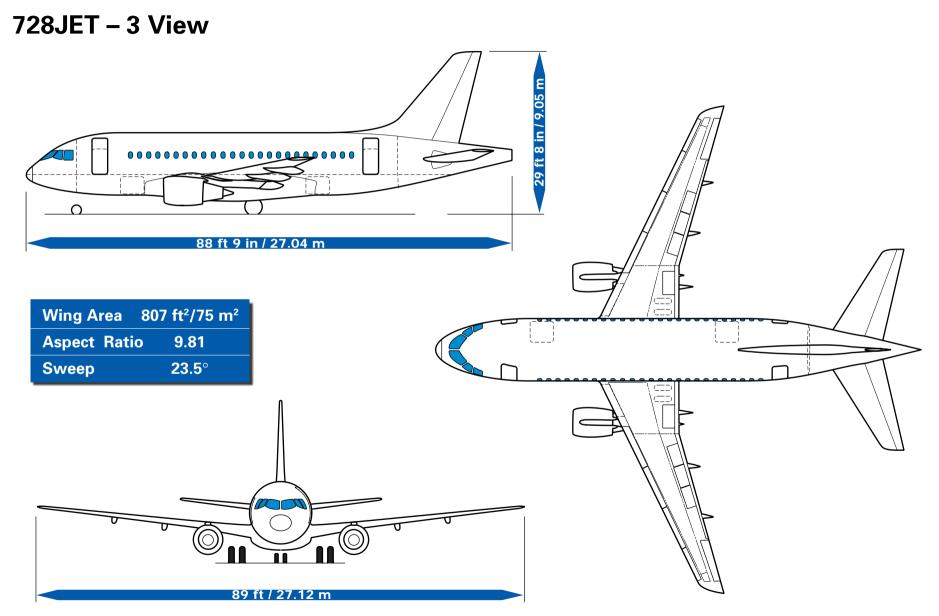


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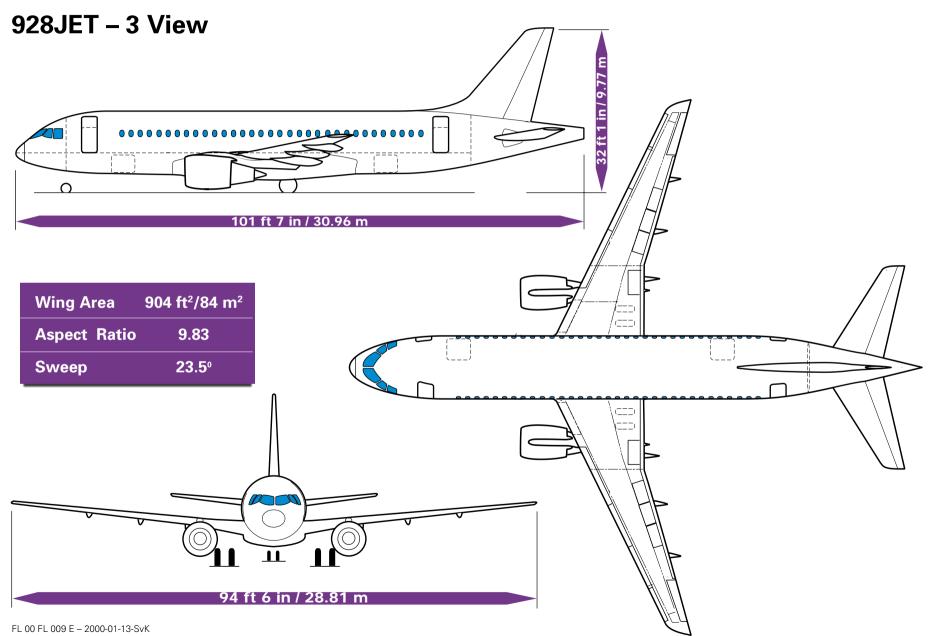




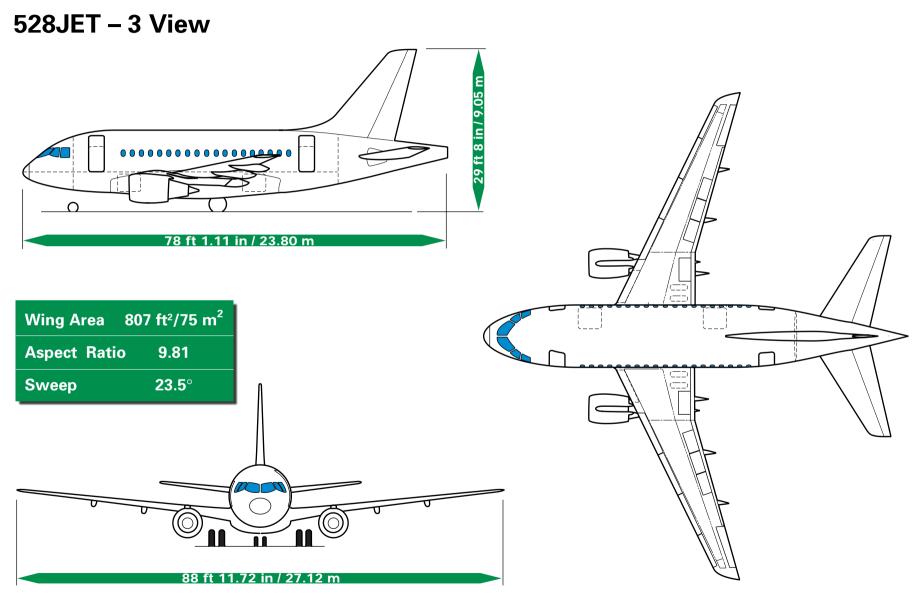












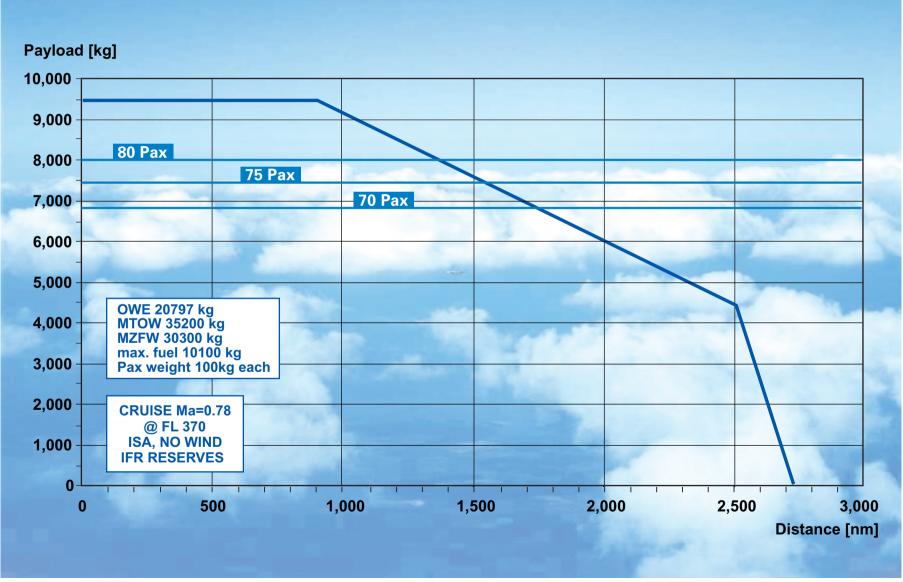


Leading Particulars, Weights & Performance Summary

Designation	528JET	728JET	928JET	
Capacity (33"/31" pitch)	55-65	70-80	95-110	
Cross Section	5-abreast	5-abreast	5-abreast	
Powerplant	General Electric CF34-8D1	General Electric CF34-8D3	General Electric CF34-10D	
T/O Power Rating (normal)	11,880 lb	12,500 lb (13,575 lb APR)	18,000-20,000 lb**	
Weights – Max. Take-off Weight – Max. Payload	30,990 kg/68,320 lb 7,308 kg/16,110 lb	35,200 kg/77,601 lb 36,990 kg/81,548 lb * 9,500 kg/20,944 lb	44,500 kg/98,106 lb ER to be issued later * 12,574 kg/27,720 lb	
Range (with IFR reserves) 100kg/pax, FL370, M=0.78, ISA	55 Pax / 65 Pax 1,520 nm / 1,230 nm	70 Pax / 80 Pax 1,660 nm /1,340 nm (≈ 2,140 nm /1,820 nm)*	95 Pax /110 Pax 2,000 nm / 1,620 nm	
Max. Cruise Speed ISA, 95% MTOW, FL350	467 KTAS (M≈0.81)	464 KTAS (M≈0.805)	462 KTAS (M≈0.8)	
M _{MO} / V _{MO}	0.81/335 KCAS	0.81/335 KCAS	0.81/335 KCAS	
Take-off Field Length (Std. version, ISA, SL MTOW)	4,200 ft	5,200 ft	5,530 ft	
Single Engine Service Ceiling	21,000 ft	20,200 ft	to be issued later	
Landing Field Length (Std. version, MLW)	4,200 ft	4,300 ft	4,630 ft	
Hot&High Performance Climb-limited T/O Wt. (Std. version, ISA + 20°C, 5,000 ft)	мтоw	мтоw	мтоw	
* ER version ** exact requirement will be issued at a later date				



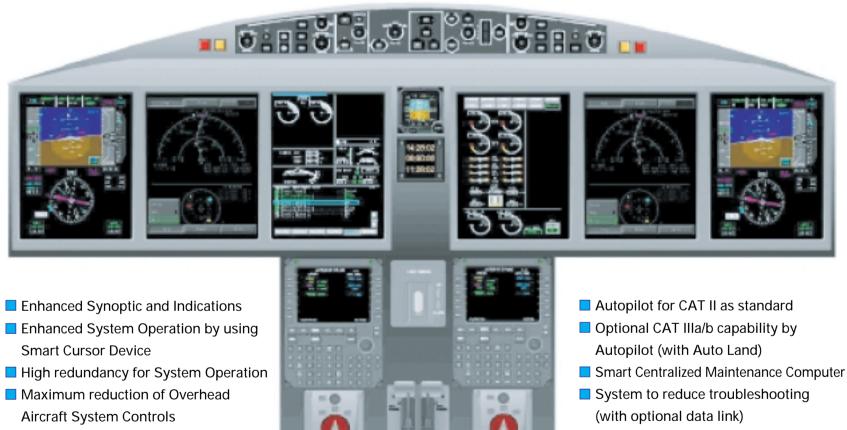
Payload/Range Diagram for 728JET



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Primus EPIC Avionic System (Honeywell)



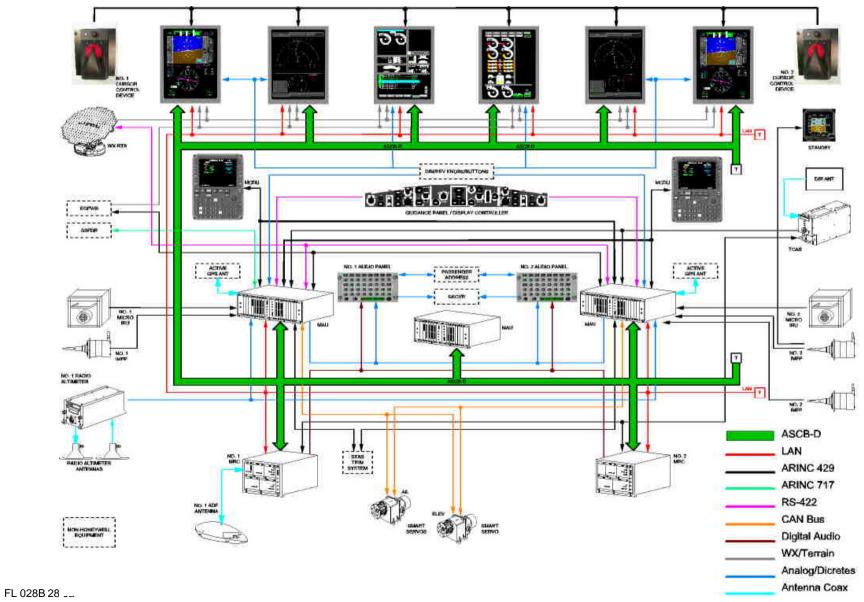
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- High System Integration in Avionics andAircraft Utility Systems (to reduce LRU's, Weight and Power Consumption)
- Cursor Guided Pilot Procedures in case of Aircraft System Failure

- No System Limitations to interface with future Navigation and Communication Systems (with provisions for enhanced vision system)
- Dispatch with one panel out

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Baseline Avionics





Beneficial Advancements of the Avionic System

Integrated Utilities

• Centralize systems and functions

Minimize Data-Source and - Processors

• Centralize important aircraft data

Minimize Paper in Cockpit

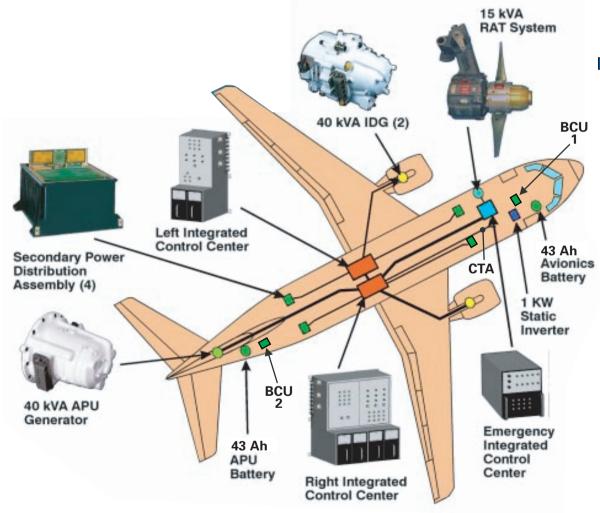
• Automate procedures and checklist for pilots and maintenance personel

Commanding of other A/C Systems via Cursor Control Device

• Reduce number of controllers in the panels



Electrical Power Generation and Distribution System



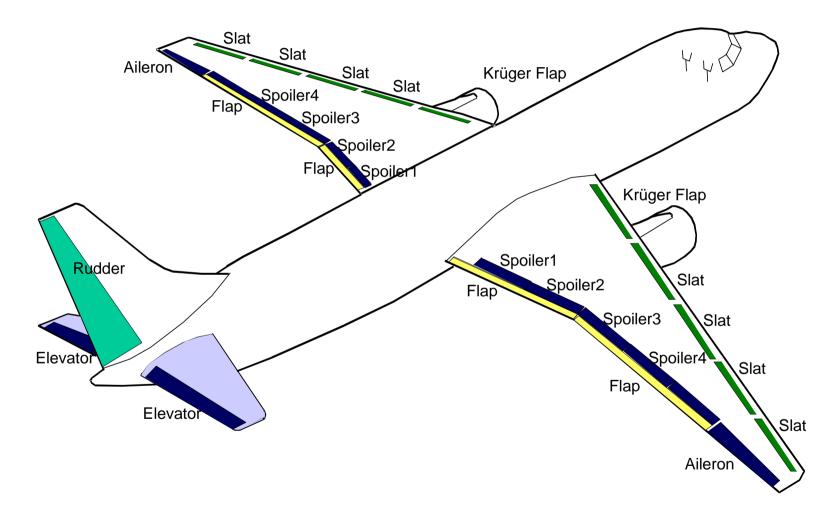
System Configuration:

- Generation:
 - (2) Main Engine (IDGs)
- (1) APU (AUX GEN & Seal Plate)
- Primary Distribution:
 - (1) Left Integrated Control Center
 - (1) Right Integrated Control Center
 - (1) Emergency Integrated Control Center
 - (1) EXT AC Current Transformer Assy
- Secondary Distribution:
 - (4) Secondary Power Distribution Assy
- Emergency Power:
 - (1 each) Ram Air Turbine,
 - Generator Control Unit, Ejection Jack, Restow Pump, Uplock
 - (1) Static Inverter
 - (2) Batteries & Battery Contactor Units



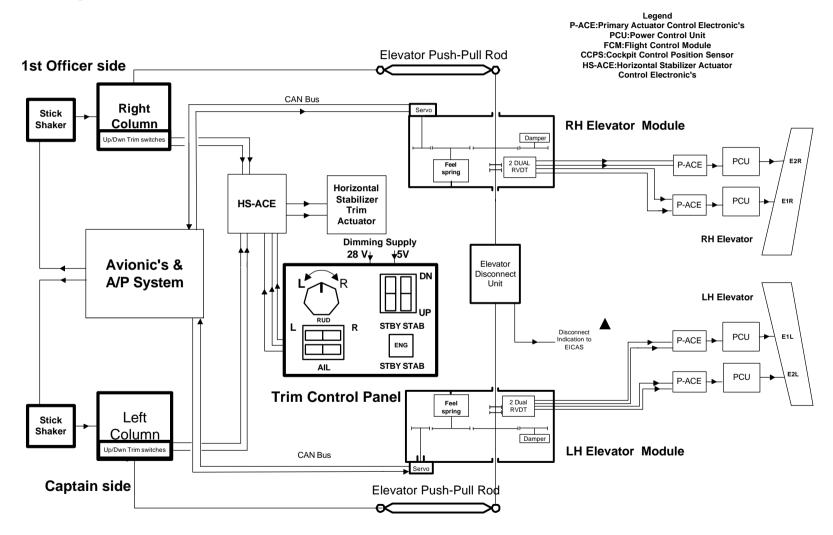
General Overview

Aircraft Plan View



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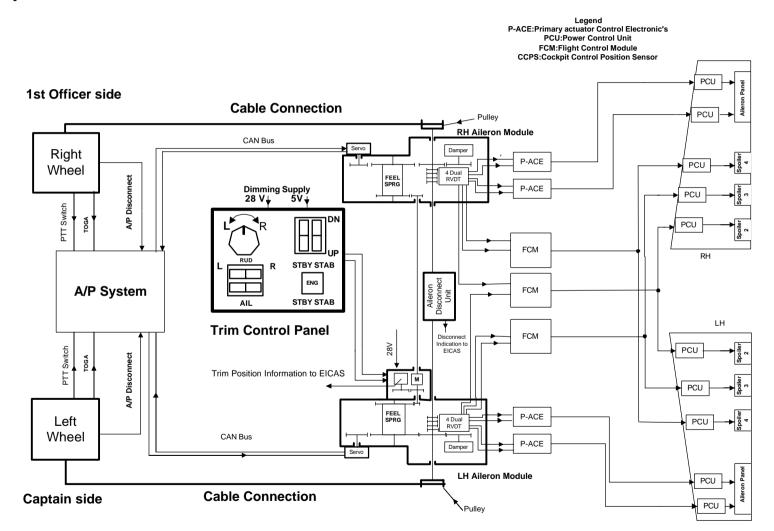
Pitch Cockpit Control Module



Proprietary Information

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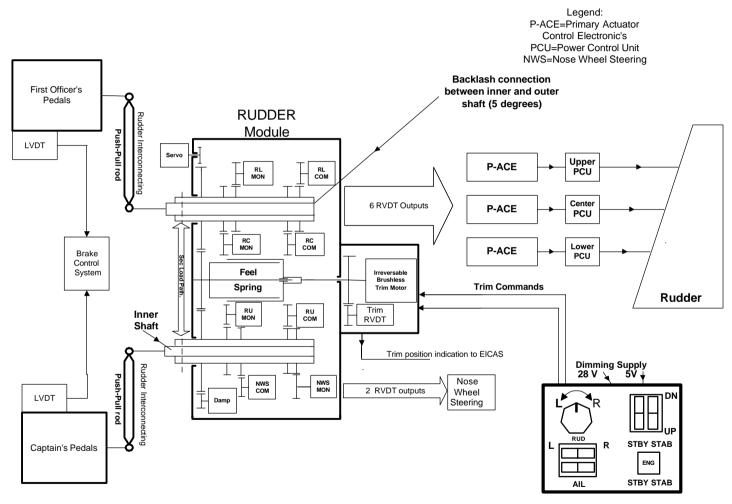
Roll Cockpit Control Module



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Yaw Cockpit Control Module

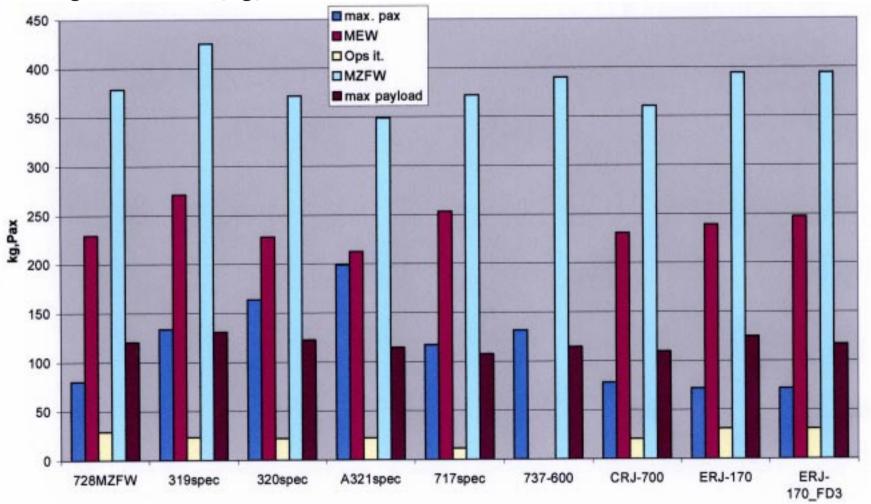


Trim Control Panel

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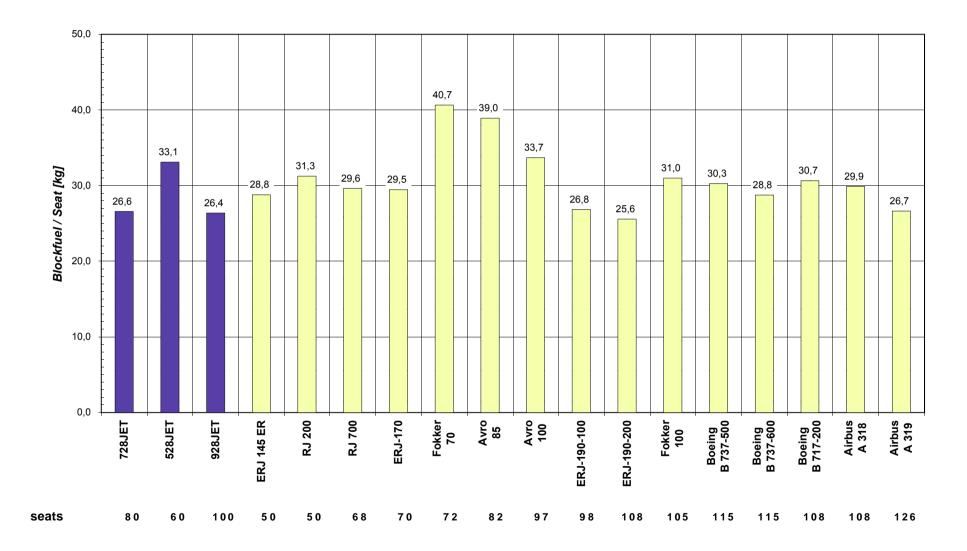
Weight/Max Pax (kg)



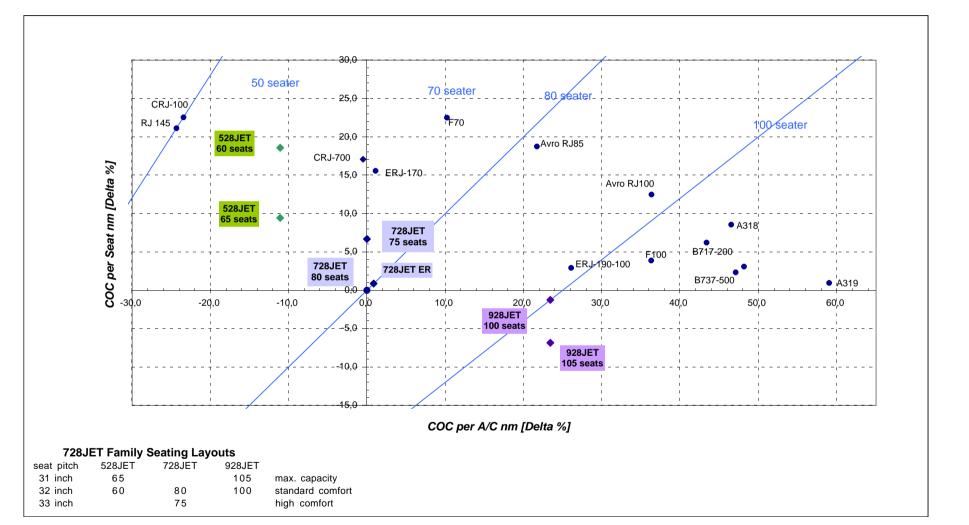
Index Blockfuel per Seat - Comparison

Stage Length 500 nm

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Delta COC per Seat / per A/C nm - Comparison

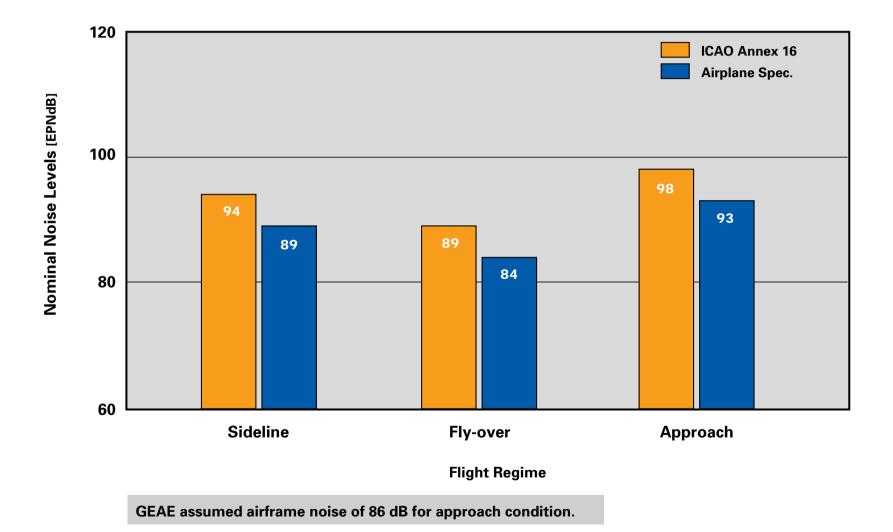




Stage Length 500 nm

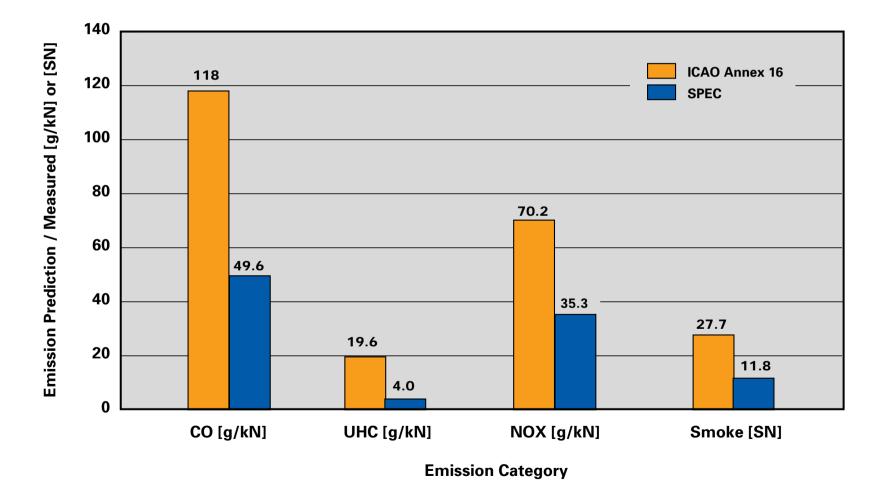


Certification Flight Noise





Emissions





The Situation

Airlines must decide on the future fleet today. The decision for the right equipment must address the following requirements:

- The market requires aircraft of different sizes for <u>flexible scheduling</u> and effective <u>yield management</u>.
- Marketing requires a common product identity.
- Operation requires small numbers of aircraft types and standardization to achieve <u>low operating cost</u>.
- Strategic planning requires <u>aircraft capacity optimization</u> in line with the future development of the business.
- Limited predictability of the future requires <u>high adaptability of the aircraft</u> <u>fleet</u> to changing market requirements, without increasing cost.



Cost Saving Issues

Aircrew

The <u>common type rating for the 728JET family</u> aircraft enables pilots to operate each type within the fleet, simplifying crew scheduling. It also reduces the cost for type rating, training and salaries throughout the whole service life of the aircraft and reduces operational constraints, such as crew positioning, dead heading costs, etc. These savings will be even more substantial, should an airline's route structure require more crews per aircraft.

Simulator

An airline operating its own simulators will necessarily have to have a simulator for each type of aircraft, representing additional high investment. This disadvantage of a non-common fleet can, however, be avoided by out-sourcing simulator training to a specialized pilot training provider.



Cost Saving Issues

Maintenance

The required number of maintenance engineers is lower for a common fleet, due to <u>common type ratings</u>, resulting in reduced labor costs, coupled with higher efficiency and lower burden as a direct result of the learning curve effect.

Spares

The <u>volume of spares holding</u> can be decreased for a common fleet without sacrificing dispatch reliability. This means less money is tied up in spares stocks.

Operation & Administration

Many administration areas benefit from a common fleet. <u>Purchasing, spares</u> <u>administration, crew training and planning, catering, ground handling and</u> <u>maintenance planning</u> will be less labor intensive.



Purchasing Issues

A manufacturer can reduce costs by producing a high number of aircraft of the same type. This results in lower prices for the airlines.

There are more advantages in purchasing a common fleet:

- Purchasing from vendors follows the <u>known patterns</u>
- The <u>evaluation process will be simpler</u>, due to the known profitability and costs of the aircraft and its systems.
- As a manufacturer of a family of aircraft, Dornier Luftfahrt can provide <u>shorter lead-times</u> for the customer and his decision what version (size) his airline should select when exercising options. This improves the reaction time to the challenges of a changing market.



Product Identity

The 728JET family concept offers multiple advantages to an airline:

- Across the fleet
 - Same cabin layout in all aircraft
 - Identical service items (galleys, lavatories, ...)
 - Common catering equipment
 - Easier seat assignments/reservations
 - The <u>Commonality of the Cabin Standard</u> in the aircraft family can be used by Marketing as a unique selling point for the airline.
 - A <u>seamless standard of comfort with the mainline fleet</u> (e.g. Airbus A320 series) is key to customer loyalty. The same standard, for example, can be kept in seat pitch (31 to 33 in) and seat width (18 in).



Future Development of the Market

Aircraft are sold in an ever-changing market place. An airline, therefore, has to meet the following requirements, which can be met by an aircraft family concept:

- The <u>composition of the future fleet</u> can be easily adopted to growth or shrinking of the market's demands.
- <u>The planning risk is greatly reduced</u>.
- Limited predictability of the future requires <u>high adaptability of the</u> <u>aircraft fleet</u> to changing market requirements, without increasing cost.



Cost Savings - Executive Summary

27 x A/C X + 15 x A/C Y	Savings	
versus 27 x 728+ 15 x 928	Less Investment Cost	Less Annual Cost
Simulator Economics (buy-in of training considered)	0 US\$	c no simulator required
Aircrew Training (Type Rating) in 2 years Aircrew Attrition Training Aircrew Recurrent Training Aircrew Productivity (Crew Cost)	961.000 US\$	1.056.100 US\$/year 259.000 US\$/year 6.132.000 US\$/year
Airframe Spares Engine Spares	11.305.000 US\$ 1.600.000 US\$	
Maintenance Training (Type Rating) in 2 years Maintenance Recurrent Training Maintenance Crew Productivity (Crew Cost)	100.000 US\$	0 US\$/year 1.059.300 US\$/year
Total Fleet Add. Investment Savings: Total Fleet Add. Annual Savings: Total Fleet Investment Savings	13.966.000 US\$ 71.966.000 US\$	8.506.400 US\$/year



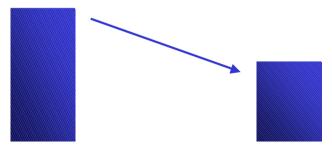
Public Acceptance

An airline depends on public acceptance. The family concept help to increase this, because

an optimized fleet size will result in:

- Lower noise
- Fewer emissions
- Less energy consumption

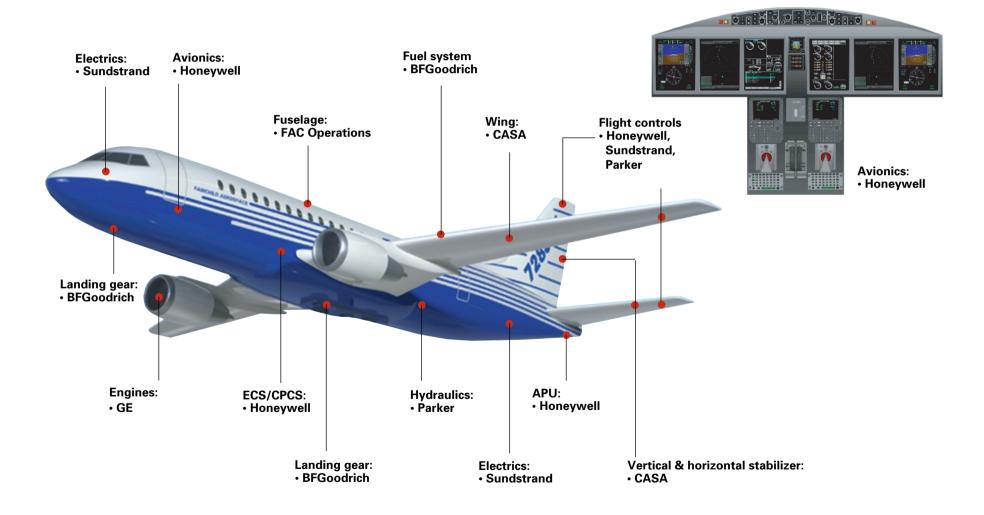
by being able to use the right-sized aircraft depending on demand



Emissions per pax go down (higher loadfactors)



Selected suppliers for the 728JET components...





Selected Partners for Systems and Built Units

System / Built Unit	Selected Partner	
APU	Honeywell	
Avionics	Honeywell	
Cabin Mgmt. System	Diehl	
Cockpit Controls	AVIAC	
Crew Seats	Fischer+Entwicklung	
Doors	Eurocopter	
ECS	Honeywell	
Electrics	Sundstrand	
Horz. & Vert. Stabilizer	CASA	
Empennage Fairings	Adprotec	
Evacuation Slides	Aircruisers	
EVM	Vibrometer	
Flight Controls	Honeywell/Sundstrand/Parker	
Flight Data Recorder	L3	
Fire & Smoke	Kidde Deugra, AOA	
Fuel	BFGoodrich	
Fuel Tubing	Stanley	

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728JET - A New Family of Regional Aircraft

Future traffic growth in regional transport can be served by bigger aircraft operated in the hub-and-spoke system and by more direct links

The 4 major alliances are having more and more influence on the regional airlines

The fierce competition is down to 3 OEMs

Regional aircraft have to offer comfort and operation like airliners, but at lower cost

Higher aircraft system integration and fly-by-wire flight controls are good examples of technical improvements

Design of operation commonality can produce attractive cost savings in investment and operation of aircraft sized for different capacities