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## News

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### **ACSS Demos DO-260B Capability to FAA** *Readies Supplemental Type Certification Submittal*

LE BOURGET, France, June 20, 2011 – ACSS, an L-3 Communications & Thales Company, announced today that the first ever DO-260B (TSO c166b) flight test was performed by ACSS and witnessed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This flight test demonstrated ACSS's XS-950 Mode S transponder's compliance with the future Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) mandate for the FAA's NextGen airspace initiatives and will supported the company's Supplemental Type Certification (STC) submittal.

The FAA's DO-260B flight test was conducted in March 2011 on a Boeing 767 operated by UPS. In addition to UPS, the first airlines to be equipped with the ACSS's enhanced DO-260B transponders will be JetBlue and US Airways. The aircraft models set for DO-260B installation are Airbus A320s and A330s, as well as Boeing 747s, 757s, 767s and MD-11s operated by the three carriers. The STC submittal, planned for later this summer, will make ACSS the first avionics supplier to have DO-260B readiness within its product line.

As the cornerstone technology of the FAA's NextGen airspace initiative, ADS-B increases capacity and throughput for domestic air transportation, providing more precise position information of own-ship and other airplane traffic to the cockpit. ACSS's upgrade to DO-260B for its XS-950 transponder enhances other ADS-B capabilities, such as the SafeRoute™ suite of ADS-B In applications developed and certified by ACSS. SafeRoute's software products include Surface Area Movement Management (SAMM), In-Trail Procedures (ITP), CDTI (Cockpit Display of Traffic Information) Assisted Visual Separation (CAVS) and Merging & Spacing.

New SafeRoute capabilities, such as Surface Indicating & Alerting (SURF IA), were successfully demonstrated in December 2009 by ACSS as part of an FAA program with US Airways. ACSS is also participating in Eurocontrol's CASCADE program to implement ITP in non-radar coverage areas. ACSS is working with British Airways, Delta and US Airways in this initiative and trials are scheduled to begin before the end of the year.

Phoenix-based Aviation Communication & Surveillance Systems (ACSS), 70 percent owned by L-3 Communications and 30 percent owned by Thales, is a leader in state-of-the-art safety avionics systems that increase safety, situational awareness and efficiency for aircraft operators in all phases of flight. Primary technologies include Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems (TCAS), Terrain Awareness Warning Systems (TAWS), Mode S transponders and Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) capabilities for major airline, business and regional jets, as well as military transport platforms. More than 60,000 units of ACSS product are operating in commercial, corporate and military aircraft. To learn more about ACSS, please visit the company's website at [www.acss.com](http://www.acss.com).

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