RECARO AIRCRAFT SEATING AND AER LINGUS ACHIEVE MILESTONE WITH A321XLR AND R3

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RECARO Aircraft Seating and Aer Lingus partnered to enhance passenger comfort with the inclusion of the R3 in their new A321XLR aircraft, which they are the second airline in the world to operate. Equipped with the award-winning R3 long-range Economy Class seat, passengers will have access to an enhanced living space and comfort features. These include a 6-way adjustable headrest with integrated neck support, and comfort cushions and arm rests.

The seats are outfitted with customized Aer Lingus dress covers and shamrock insignia, and feature a composite backrest with integrated monitor and USB charging ports. Additionally, all aisle seats include the redesigned RECARO patented steward step, facilitating easier access to overhead bins for both passengers and flight crew. Developed with a lightweight design, the R3 sets the benchmark for weight in its segment weighing nearly 2 kilograms less than its predecessor. The integration of a lighter, more sustainable seat aligns with the decarbonization across International Airlines Group (IAG) operations, of which Aer Lingus is part.

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Mark Hiller, CEO of RECARO Aircraft Seating and RECARO Holding commented: “At RECARO, we take pride in developing lightweight seating solutions that integrate seamlessly into the overall sustainability plans of our customers like Aer Lingus. The R3 not only enhances passenger comfort but supports our joint efforts towards a sustainable future. This partnership marks a significant milestone as we introduce the R3 into Aer Lingus’ A321XLR fleet.”

Susanne Carberry, Aer Lingus Chief Customer Officer, stated: “The RECARO R3 seat ensures that customers flying on Aer Lingus' state-of-the-art Airbus A321XLR aircraft enjoy enhanced comfort, space and convenience as they fly. With its lightweight design, the R3 perfectly balances sustainability and functionality. Featuring adjustable leather headrests, integrated neck support, USB charging ports, and a sleek, modern design, the R3’s innovative design helps Aer Lingus live up to our mission to deliver a seamless and relaxing journey for every customer.”

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