



FIRST EVER PURPOSE-BUILT REGIONAL FREIGHTER TOOK FLIGHT

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ATR announced the successful first flight of its new purpose-built regional freighter aircraft. The flight took off at 14:00 from its Saint-Martin site and lasted two hours. During the flight, crew onboard performed a number of tests to measure the new aircraft's flight envelope and flight performance. The first delivery of this aircraft will be to FedEx Express, the world's largest cargo airline and express transportation company, who placed a firm order for 30 aircraft, plus 20 options, in November 2017. The arrival of this new freighter further cements ATR's leadership position in the regional freighter market where ATR cargo aircraft already represent a third of the in-service regional freighter fleet.



ATR 72-600F 1st flight

Born to be a freighter...


State-of-the-art
avionics


Large
cargo door


9 tonnes
of maximum
structural payload


75m³
gross volume


900nm
range based on
bulk configuration
and typical cargo
density



The brand new straight-from-factory cargo aircraft will offer a number of unique advantages to operators. With a Large Cargo Door included as part of the original design and the same wide cross section as all ATR aircraft, the freighter will be able to accommodate bulk cargo and industry-standard pallets and containers. The aircraft will also provide operators with the very latest avionics suite, which can be continuously upgraded. This effectively futureproofs the -600F's state-of-the-art cockpit by allowing cargo airlines to take benefit from future innovations, which will further enhance the aircraft's efficiency.



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