

Swiftair to introduce 757 freighters

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Spain-based Swiftair is introducing three Boeing 757-200 converted freighters to its fleet.

The three ex-American Airlines 757-200PCFs are under lease agreements with Jetran and all three aircraft are currently being converted.

Although Swiftair has never operated 757s on its own air operator's certificate (AOC), the carrier has gained familiarity following last year's acquisition of fellow Spanish cargo operator Cygnus Air, which now operates three 757-200PCFs.

The company took delivery of a 757-200PCF on lease from New Zealand-based Airwork in August. The 1992-vintage ex-American Airlines aircraft is operated by Cygnus .

According to Airfinance Journal's Fleet Tracker, Swiftair's freighter fleet comprises 38 aircraft: six ATR42-300Fs; 11 ATR72-200Fs; five ATR72-500Fs; one 737-300SFs; five 737-400SFs; and 10 Embraer 120ERFs.

Earlier this year, Lusat Air, the holding company that owns Aviation Leasing Spain, Cygnus Air, and Swiftair, agreed to purchase Sweden-based West Atlantic.

Jetran, an aircraft trading subsidiary of Spectre Air Capital, has previously been involved in sourcing 757 feedstock for conversions, but the three 757-200PCFs are the first series of 757 conversions for which Jetran is the direct customer.

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