

# Pattaya Airways leases in ATR freighter

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Pattaya Airways has confirmed the addition of an ATR72-500 freighter aircraft.

This aircraft is one of two that the airline plans to utilise for its cargo operations domestically and internationally, supporting the growth of the logistics and e-commerce industries across the ASEAN region.

The second aircraft ATR72-500 freighter is scheduled to enter service in May.

Pattaya Airways plans to expand its fleet to five aircraft by 2028.

The airline secured an air operating license (AOL) from the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) and is currently in the process of obtaining an air operator's certificate (AOC).

Pattaya Airways is expected to commence flights in early August.

The carrier is led by Pattaya chairman Tosaporn Asunee and the group's chief executive officer, Nat Boonyavichkanont.

*Airfinance Journal* Fleet Tracker data shows that Pattaya Airways' first ATR freighter is a 2007-vintage ATR72-500 that was recently converted for dedicated cargo flights and previously flew in a passenger conversion for Air Corsica.

Fleet Tracker identifies Acia Aero as the owner and lessor of the aircraft, which was acquired from ATR Asset Management in 2023.

The data shows that Acia Aero currently has 10 ATR72-500Fs in its portfolio, including units on lease to Canadian North and Aerlink from Australia.

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