

## Lufthansa Flight Training launches Airbus A380 training

Operators of the Airbus A380 can now also have their crews trained at Lufthansa Flight Training (LFT). On January 18th, 2010, the Frankfurt-based company put an A380 flight simulator and the corresponding Cabin Emergency Evacuation Trainer (CEET), into service.

The 15-tonne cockpit simulator was delivered to LFT in September 2009. Prior to that, experts from Lufthansa and Lufthansa Flight Training had spent two-and-a-half months thoroughly testing the device at Thales Training & Simulation, the British manufacturer, in Crawley near London.

Before making the 700-kilometre-long journey to Frankfurt by ship and on low loaders, the A380 simulator had to be dismantled into a few large sections. It is equipped with all the original aircraft systems, high-resolution projectors and an innovative hybrid motion system that combines hydraulic and electrical components, thus enabling very short response times.

The A380 CEET, a life-size mock-up measuring 11.5 metres in height, just fits under the roof of the Lufthansa Flight Training Center. It provides flight attendants and pilots with very realistic training conditions thanks to the virtual emergency escape slides, which the company introduced last year at Frankfurt and Munich. They were developed by LFT engineers in cooperation with the German manufacturer, TFC Käufer.

The system largely replaces the original emergency escape slides with a 3D animation, which is projected onto a surface in front of the aircraft door. When crew glance through the aircraft door window, they see a realistic image of what is happening outside the aircraft.

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