



News Release

Satcom Direct Adds New Features to FlightDeck Freedom™ Service

Satcom Direct announces new features for its bundled aviation communications service, FlightDeck Freedom, including new aircraft availability, flight tracking, and compatibility with flight planning systems

Satellite Beach, Fla. (Oct. 19, 2009) – Satcom Direct, a leading innovator of satellite voice, fax, datalink, and Internet communications solutions, announces the addition of new features to its FlightDeck Freedom™ (FDF) service which includes compatibility with most aircraft datalink avionics, integration with Satcom Direct's new flight tracking solution, and compatibility with even more flight planning systems.

The new features added to FDF further expand the capabilities of the service. FDF now supports Primus Epic-equipped aircraft, including Cessna Sovereign; Dassault Falcon 900DX, 900EX, 2000DX, 2000EX, 2000LX, and 7X; Gulfstream G350, G450, G500, and G550; and Hawker 4000, making FDF compatible with most datalink avionics in use today on business aircraft. FDF is now also compatible with multiple flight planning systems, including Air Routing International, FltPlan.com, Jeppesen, and Universal Weather. FDF integration with Satcom Direct's new SD Flight Tracker further provides customers with the capability to track aircraft globally and monitor aircraft satcom and datalink systems.

"FlightDeck Freedom is a revolution in bundled aviation communications that enables management of a complete range of satcom options under one package, all powered by Satcom Direct," said Jim Jensen, founder and owner of Satcom Direct. "FDF gives our customers options, such as freedom of trip planner, compatibility with their entire fleet, and fixed datalink costs regardless of the network used. Our new additions allow our customers to bundle FDF and flight planning from Air Routing or Jeppesen in one convenient, cost-effective package and makes FDF the only datalink service compatible with FltPlan.com."

FDF supports flight deck communications via Inmarsat, Iridium, and SITA VHF and transmits flight-critical data to the flight crew, including pre-departure clearances, Digital ATIS, oceanic clearances, current airport weather, graphical weather, and flight plan routes. Dispatchers and maintenance personnel can monitor the aircraft through automated takeoff and landing reports, e-mail messages to and from the aircraft, and can see aircraft position at any time with SD Flight Tracker. Flight crews also have direct access to cabin and satellite network monitoring and performance tools while en route. FDF is offered at a fixed annual fee per aircraft.

FlightDeck Freedom will be available for demonstrations in Satcom Direct's booth (#3208) at the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) Annual Meeting & Convention in Orlando, Florida, October 20 – 22 at the Orange County Convention Center.

About Satcom Direct

Founded in 1997, Satcom Direct is the leading innovator of satellite voice, fax, and broadband data service solutions for business and general aviation, military, government, emergency response, media, and other industries that demand secure and reliable global communications. Its primary product, Global One Number®, is an advanced connection service for aeronautical, maritime, and land mobile applications that makes satellite communications as reliable and simple to use as ground-based telephones. Satcom Direct's extensive product portfolio also includes Aero VSM, Aero X[®], FlightDeck Freedom™ (FDF), One View™, Plane Simple®, and Satcom OnSite; Inmarsat's Classic Voice, Swift 64, and SwiftBroadband; Iridium Aero Services; and ViaSat® YonderSM Ku-band Mobile Broadband. For more information regarding Satcom Direct, visit www.satcomdirect.com, e-mail sales@satcomdirect.com, or call +1.321.777.3000. To view Satcom Direct's portable satellite communication equipment and services, including [satellite phones](#) and [BGAN](#) units, visit www.satcomstore.com, e-mail mobileops@satcomdirect.com, or call +1.321.777.0771.