



Viasat's next-gen cockpit service reaches milestone as airlines modernize communications to save fuel

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1,000th aircraft enters service using Viasat Swift-Broadband-Safety (SB-S): reflecting growing airline demand for reliable connectivity to support flight safety and improve operational efficiency.

CARLSBAD, Calif., May 26, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Viasat, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VSAT), a global leader in satellite communications, today announced it has reached 1,000 aircraft for its SB-S service: a milestone that underscores strong adoption and accelerating momentum for satellite-enabled safety communications in aviation.

[SwiftBroadband-Safety](#) is a certified, global safety communications service that supports Air Traffic Control (ATC) communications, airline operations and regulatory compliance, helping pilots and operators improve situational awareness and operational resilience.

Since its introduction in 2018, SB-S has continued strong equipage growth with reliable international safety communications performance. Take-up from airlines has expanded at an average rate of 42% per year, with the company aiming for SB-S to be in service on more than 1,200 aircraft by the end of 2026. Across its entire aviation safety portfolio – which includes SB-S and its long-established safety service, Classic Aero – Viasat currently connects more than 12,000 aircraft cockpits globally.

Part of Viasat's Communication Services financial segment, within its commercial business, SB-S is a secure, broadband IP datalink for both operations and safety communications in the flight deck. It delivers highly reliable safety services via both traditional ACARS data link and next-generation IP connections, helping airlines to be ready for future air traffic management evolutions. IP connectivity also enables operational efficiencies for airlines including engine monitoring, real-time weather, telemedicine, and preventive maintenance.

The service also powers [Iris](#), Viasat's ground-breaking air-traffic management (ATM) program with the European Space Agency. Using satellite-based data link through SB-S, Iris is designed to support several benefits for airlines and Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), including minimizing flight delays, saving fuel and reducing the environmental impact of air travel.

"This milestone underscores the excitement for SB-S as airlines continue to look for proven, certified connectivity to improve flight safety and operational performance – including reduced fuel consumption, lower emission, and improved on time performance," said **Joel Klooster, Senior Vice President, Aircraft Operations & Safety at Viasat**. "As the service continues to grow, SB-Safety is building a durable base of long-term value for both our aviation customers, and for Viasat."

About Viasat

Viasat is a global communications company that believes everyone and everything in the world can be connected. With offices in 24 countries around the world, our mission shapes how consumers, businesses, governments and militaries around the world communicate and connect. Viasat is developing the ultimate global communications network to power high-quality, reliable, secure, affordable, fast connections to positively impact people's lives anywhere they are - on the ground, in the air or at sea, while building a sustainable future in space. In May 2023, Viasat completed its acquisition of Inmarsat, combining the teams, technologies and resources of the two companies to create a new global communications partner. Learn more at www.viasat.com, the [Viasat News Room](#) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Bluesky](#), [Threads](#), and [YouTube](#).

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Viasat's Vice President, Air Traffic Services Ghislain Nicolle (left), with Regional Director, Business Development Alex Holt (right), during this week's Airspace World event in Lisbon.

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