ULD Operations and Handling in the Future
Narrow & Wide body Aircraft
Introduction

Objective
The Airbus objective is to provide a fully automated aircraft handling systems in the future.

Content
- Airbus forecast of belly cargo share vs. Freighter
- Current ULD operations and handling
- Ground and on-board equipment to handle and restrain ULDs
- ULD operations and handling in the future with a focus on lower deck cargo compartments

Choice  Volume  Efficiency  Revenue Generation
Belly capacity to capture market share from the main deck

**Worldwide share of belly vs dedicated cargo traffic**

Estimates FTKs (billion)

- Dedicated freighters
- Belly cargo

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<th>Cargo traffic growth 4.0%</th>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>160bn FTKs</td>
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**Additional cargo capacity from new aircraft**

- Pax fleet belly capacity
- Freighter fleet capacity

Source: IATA Cargo Strategy, August 2015 - Additional cargo capacity **4x higher** on Pax fleet belly capacity in 2015

Belly capacity will continue to capture market share - Impact is mainly on long haul flows

Main assumption being that belly load factors remain stable
Current ULD Operation and Handling

**Narrow & Wide Body Aircraft**

- 1/3 of Airbus narrow body Fleet allows the loading of ULDs onto the lower deck cargo compartments
- Semi-automatic cargo loading systems on all type of Airbus aircraft

- ULD Track & Trace capability only on ground
- Conventional Cargo loaders, Belt loaders, Dollies, Cart, GSE manual approach and docking, etc…
Onboard and Ground Equipment

Equipment needed for ULD handling

• Cargo Loaders + Ramp Agents
  ➔ Operational Cost
  ➔ Damage Cost \(\text{(i.e. Cargo/Belt loaders impact on fuselage*),}
  \text{ULD damaging the lining and the CLS components...)}\)

• Cargo Dollies

• Cargo Loading & Restraint Systems:
  ➔ Weight saving, if CLS removed
  ➔ Less fuel burn, If CLS removed
  ➔ Maintenance Cost

• Portable RFID readers, Tags, …

* All GSE manufactured after July 2018 shall comply with A/C damage prevention requirements per IATA AHM Chap.9
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Preparing the Future with:

- **Bag2Go** (already in the market)
- Track & Trace for the entire transport chain
- Cargo eOps t@b (tablet), one single tool for Cargo Operations
- Fully automated cargo loading systems
Bag2GO

- **86% of Airlines**
  plan to implement assisted bag drop by 2017

- **74% of Airport**
  plan to implement assisted bag drop by 2017

- **62% of PAX**
  would tag their own bag if they could at the beginning of their journey with trend indication growing

- **66% of Airlines**
  will offer bag location update to PAX via mobile by 2017

Source: SITA 2015 baggage report
Track & Trace

- Enable cargo tracking throughout the entire transport chain
- Support cargo e-Operation to shorten & simplify operational loading procedures
- Propose customized fleet solution for operators
Cargo eOps t@b (tablet)

Cargo eOps t@b (tablet) one single tool for Cargo Operations

- **Simplified Loading Operations**
  Advanced aircraft loading instructions support for cargo operations & Information exchange via remote control

- **A/C Connection & Identification**
  Automatic aircraft identification & loading instruction selection via aircraft network connection

- **Optimized Turnaround Procedures**
  Shorten the timeframe of delays caused by “Rush & No Show” events due to PAX luggage allocation & search functions

- **Aircraft & Airport Information Exchange**
  Interactive information update & exchanges by tracking signal usage

- **Optimized Loading Handover**
  Optimized aircraft handover towards Airline offered by new range of communicational service application such as e-paper documentation, combined with digital signatures approvals
Automated Cargo Loading Systems

- **ULD loading systems removed from A/C & are part of GSE**
  - Less Weight
  - Less Fuel burn
  - Less Operational & Maintenance Cost

- **ULD integrated with restrain system**
  - Operational & Maintenance Cost for ULDs
  - Certification basis to be clarified
  - Retrofit aspects to be considered

**New CLS**

- Less Fuel Burn
- Additional Revenue Generation
Conclusion

• Whatever Airbus plans for the future the cornerstone remains a ULD in good condition (airworthy).

• This would drastically reduce operational, maintenance and damage cost. That’s why it is fundamental that ULD CARE highlights the need to meet airworthiness requirements throughout the entire transport chain.
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