

## **QATAR AIRWAYS CHOOSES LIFEPORT CMS**

Middle East-based Qatar Airways has chosen the LifePort Commercial Medical Stretcher (CMS), making the airline the launch customer for this revolutionary product. The CMS will be approved by FAA STC and installed across the full range of Qatar Airways' aircraft fleet, including the Airbus A300, A320, A330, and its new A340 scheduled for delivery in 2006. Qatar Airways Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Akbar Al Baker, said:

“The LifePort CMS will revolutionize the way Qatar Airways transports medical patients. The width and mattress of the CMS bed top will translate into a level of patient comfort never before realized over long-haul flights. The design is unique, and the curved support legs allow the stretcher to contour around even our most modern economy class seats. For these reasons, Qatar Airways has chosen to replace our existing stretchers with the LifePort CMS.”

Qatar Airways is one of the fastest growing airlines in the world, operating a fleet of 40 modern, all-Airbus aircraft to 62 destinations in Europe, Middle East, Africa, Indian subcontinent and the Far East from its operational hub of Doha, capital of the State of Qatar, in the Arabian Gulf.

Some highlights of the Commercial Medical Stretcher include:



- 78” long, 30” wide bed top with a plush 3” thick mattress
  - Curved support legs to contour around seats in restricted pitch settings
  - Adjustable leg installation points, allowing installation across full spectrum of commercial aircraft
  - Height-adjusted privacy curtain assembly to fit range of aircraft overhead bins
  - Medical transport system, with a variety of customer-specific accessories, including incubator transport option
- Built to TSO, certified by FAA STC
  - Assembled in sections to facilitate installation, removal, and storage

“LifePort is very excited to announce this contract for a number of reasons,” says Gary Darley, CEO of LifePort, Inc. “Most importantly, we are incredibly pleased to have Qatar Airways as our prestigious launch customer. Qatar Airways has been incredibly easy to work with – the process became an invaluable learning one for us, as we have historically not done a large amount of business with commercial airlines. Secondly, we have worked long and hard to expedite the prototype schedule for this stretcher. We saw a real need for this product in the marketplace, and it is always satisfying to see a new product development come full circle”.

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