



Erie Aviation creates new light weight aviation carpet venture:

Green Sky Textiles, Inc.

We set up a sister company to focus on the marketing, sales and production of a very light weight aircraft carpet developed by a French company, Green Sky Europe. The production will take place at our Erie, PA facility and we expect the first product to ship mid-year 2010.

This carpet has been in service for 3-4 years and comfortably meets the FAA burn tests as well as Boeing and Airbus wear tests, so buyers can focus on its true benefits:

- It weighs about half of what conventional woven carpet does, and that translates into very significant fuel savings for an aircraft in commercial service – as much as \$15,000 per year for an A320, for instance.
- The reduced fuel consumption means lower output of greenhouse gases, helping the airline stay “green”
- When the carpet eventually is replaced, it goes to recycling, not to the local landfill.

The carpet is made of PVC (conventional carpets are made of wool or nylon and have a latex backing), which makes the recycling possible.

Another key difference: the top surface is digitally printed to make it look like your current carpet, but that also opens opportunities for change: from something as subtle as minor color or brightness adjustments to printing advertising for the airline’s new destinations on the aisle carpet.

Green Sky Textiles has a temporary website www.greenskytextiles.com and we’ll let you know when it is fully operational. You’ll find ads for our carpeting in the Aircraft Interiors Magazine (May, 2010 issue) and currently also in the online weekly news magazine Airline Weekly. There is more under PRODUCTS at this site. You can also find us in the Hanse Pavillion at the Aircraft Interiors Expo in Hamburg, Germany, May 18-20.

You won’t see our logo very often, but we hope you’ll be flying on our magic carpet in the near future.

