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January to December 2012

Highlights

- For the 12-month period, January to December 2012, for the scheduled and charter services, the major Canadian air carriers reported a 4.6% increase in passengers and a 3.8% growth in passenger-kilometres compared with the same period in 2011. WestJet reported that total passenger-kilometres flown rose 8.1% during the period, while the operations of Air Canada increased 2.3%.
- In 2012, both Air Canada and WestJet reported their highest volume of scheduled passenger traffic in August. It is also during that month that Air Canada posted the highest number of passenger-kilometres flown in its scheduled operations; however, it was in March that WestJet posted its highest monthly result, the number of passenger-kilometres flown slightly exceeding the August level. During the 12-month period, the average passenger trip length ranged between 3,113 kilometres in both February and November and 3,513 kilometres in September for Air Canada, while it ranged between 1,568 kilometres in October and 1,801 kilometres in March for WestJet.
- In 2012, Air Canada and WestJet increased their system capacity, as measured by available seat-kilometres, for their scheduled services, by 0.8% and 4.4%, respectively when compared with 2011. The capacity of Air Canada increased in eight of the 12 months—the variations ranged from -1.1% in July to 4.7% in February. In August, the capacity remained unchanged from August 2011. The capacity of WestJet rose in all months—the increases ranged from 1.4% in October to 11.8% in February.
- Both Air Canada and WestJet reported an improvement in their scheduled passenger load factor (a measure of the fullness of their aircraft). For the 12-month period, January to December 2012, Air Canada's passenger load factor reached 84.1% and WestJet's passenger load factor stood at 82.8%. The improvement in the annual load factors (+1.3 percentage points for Air Canada and +3.1 percentage points for WestJet) is largely due to a stronger increase in demand than in capacity in most of the months. During the 12-month period, Air Canada's load factor exceeded WestJet's load factor eight times.
- For the 12-month period, January to December 2012, the major Canadian air carriers reported a 2.3% increase in terms of turbo fuel consumed from the same period in 2011. Air Canada consumed 3.6 billion litres (+1.6%) of turbo fuel, while WestJet consumed 1.1 billion litres (+5.0%) of turbo fuel.

Chart 1
Passengers, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2012

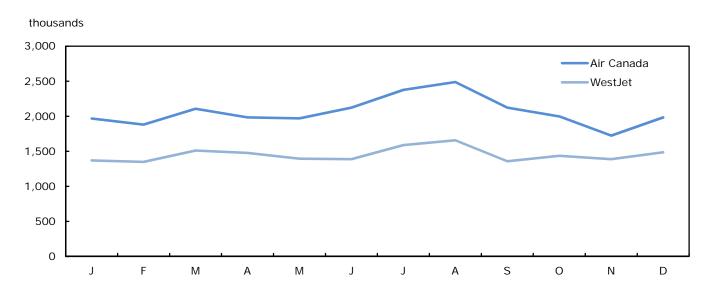


Chart 2
Passenger-kilometres and seat-kilometres, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2012

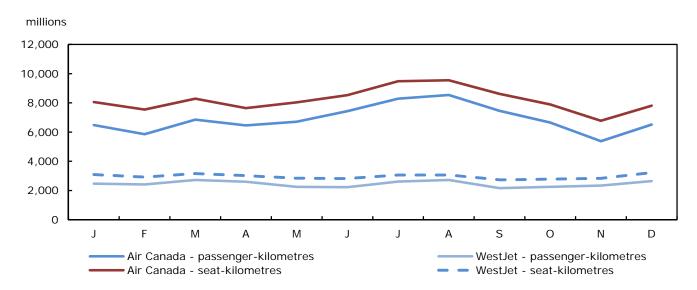


Chart 3
Operating statistics, monthly year-over-year percentage changes from 2011 to 2012, Air Canada and WestJet

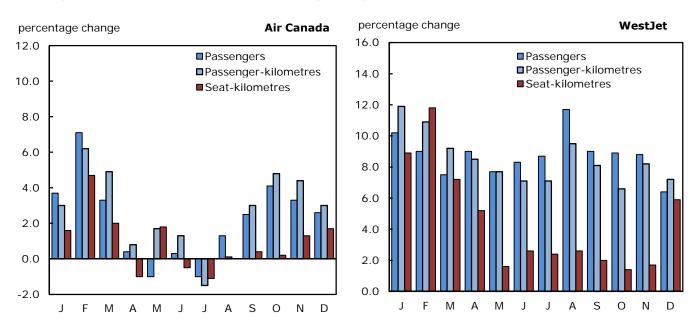


Chart 4
Average passenger trip length, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2012

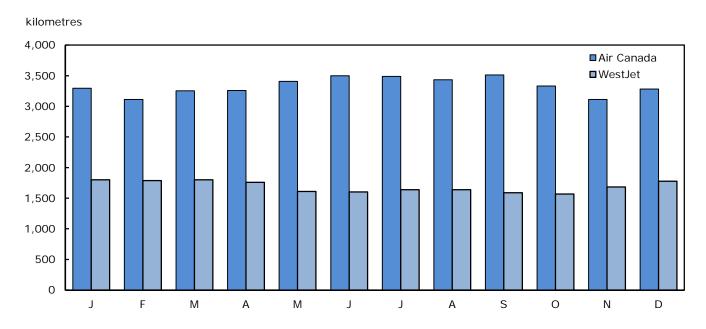


Chart 5 Load factors, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2011 and 2012

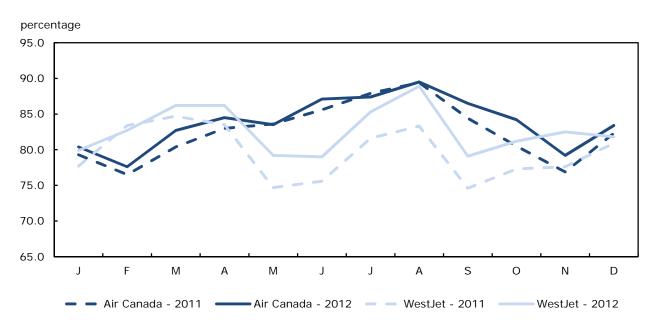
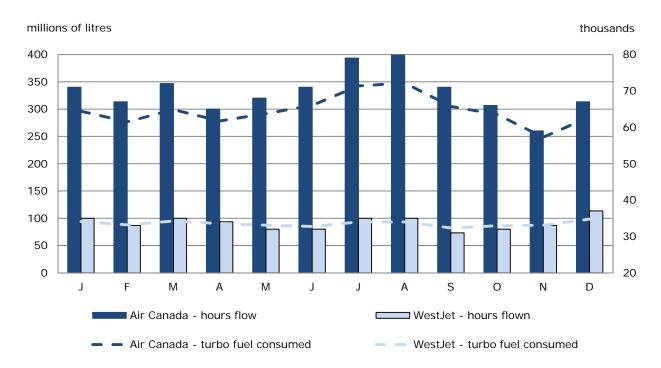


Chart 6
Hours flown and turbo fuel consumed, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2012



Statistical Tables

Table 1
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, January 2012

	Air Cana	da	WestJe	et
	January 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	January 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
<u> </u>	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,976	3.8	1,370	9.9
Total scheduled services	1,967	3.7	1,370	10.2
Total charter services	9	15.1	0	-100.0
Total passenger-kilometres	6,501,355	3.1	2,465,077	11.5
Total scheduled services	6,480,059	3.0	2,465,077	11.9
Total charter services	21,296	19.4	0	-100.0
Total available seat-kilometres	8,083,696	1.6	3,087,028	8.6
Total scheduled services	8,058,232	1.6	3,087,028	8.9
Domestic	1,920,882	0.9	1,400,772	4.1
International	6,137,349	1.8	1,686,256	13.3
Total charter services	25,465	18.0	0	-100.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	80.4		79.9	
Total goods carried (kilograms)	19,009	0.8	310	-24.7
Total scheduled services	19,009	0.8	310	-24.7
Total charter services	0		0	
Total goods tonne-kilometres	118,383	0.7	682	-6.6
Total scheduled services	118,383	0.7	682	-6.6
Total charter services	0		0	
Hours flown	71	1.2	35	6.2
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	295,972	3.8	93,604	8.6

Table 2
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, February 2012

	Air Canad	da	WestJet	
	February 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	February 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	1,889 1,880 9	7.1 7.1 7.7	1,350 1,349 1	8.3 9.0 -92.7
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	5,873,191 5,853,020 20,172	6.2 6.2 14.6	2,411,710 2,410,456 1,255	9.8 10.9 -94.2
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	7,565,003 7,541,489 1,770,346 5,771,143 23,514	4.7 4.7 3.4 5.1 9.9	2,914,855 2,913,600 1,307,759 1,605,841 1,255	10.9 11.8 8.0 15.1 -94.2
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	77.6		82.7	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	20,182 20,182 0	0.3 0.3 	311 311 0	-23.6 -23.6
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	126,028 126,028 0	2.0 2.0 	762 762 0	6.2 6.2
Hours flown	67	4.3	33	8.9
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	276,684	7.1	87,946	10.9

Table 3
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, March 2012

	Air Can	ada	WestJ	et
	March 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	March 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
_	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,116	3.3	1,511	7.4
Total scheduled services	2,106	3.3	1,511	7.5
Total charter services	10	-3.6	0	-100.0
Total passenger-kilometres	6,871,535	4.9	2,720,744	8.9
Total scheduled services	6,851,452	4.9	2,720,744	9.2
Total charter services	20,083	2.0	0	-100.0
Total available seat-kilometres	8,313,971	2.0	3,154,725	7.0
Total scheduled services	8,289,158	2.0	3,154,725	7.2
Domestic	1,868,876	-3.4	1,395,878	2.0
International	6,420,282	3.7	1,758,847	11.8
Total charter services	24,813	-1.0	0	-100.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	82.7		86.2	
Total goods carried (kilograms)	24,118	6.5	354	-28.5
Total scheduled services	24,118	6.5	354	-28.5
Total charter services	0		0	
Total goods tonne-kilometres	152,813	10.2	857	-2.5
Total scheduled services	152,813	10.2	857	-2.5
Total charter services	0		0	
Hours flown	72	1.2	35	6.1
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	298,884	2.5	94,894	2.9

Table 4
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, April 2012

	Air Car	nada	WestJ	let
	April 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	April 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	1,989 1,983 6	0.2 0.4 -31.8	1,479 1,476 2	8.9 9.0 -23.4
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	6,470,797 6,459,577 11,220	0.7 0.8 -15.1	2,599,112 2,595,920 3,192	8.2 8.5 -63.9
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	7,659,042 7,644,934 1,813,993 5,830,941 14,108	-1.1 -1.0 0.4 -1.4 -23.7	3,016,348 3,013,156 1,383,655 1,629,501 3,192	5.0 5.2 5.6 4.9 -63.9
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.5		86.2	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	19,467 19,467 0	-3.5 -3.5 	345 345 0	-25.8 -25.8
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	124,088 124,088 0	-0.3 -0.3	848 848 0	-3.6 -3.6
Hours flown	65	-1.8	34	5.2
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	278,307	-1.8	90,158	2.6

Table 5
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, May 2012

	Air Car	nada	West	Jet
	May 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	May 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
<u> </u>	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	1,971 1,969 2	-1.0 -1.0 -21.0	1,398 1,395 4	7.7 7.7 0.0
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	6,716,863 6,711,745 5,118	1.6 1.7 -28.3	2,250,081 2,246,853 3,228	7.2 7.7 -72.8
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	8,043,971 8,038,442 2,214,729 5,823,712 5,530	1.8 1.8 0.4 2.3 -32.4	2,840,584 2,837,356 1,911,614 925,742 3,228	1.3 1.6 -3.7 14.7 -72.8
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	83.5		79.2	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	19,720 19,720 0	-1.3 -1.3 	347 347 0	-35.9 -35.9
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	125,075 125,075 0	3.9 3.9 	948 948 0	-12.1 -12.1
Hours flown	68	1.2	32	1.4
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	291,812	3.0	87,244	4.2

Table 6
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, June 2012

	Air Car	nada	West	Jet
	June 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	June 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
<u> </u>	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	2,125 2,123 2	0.3 0.3 11.8	1,390 1,388 2	8.1 8.3 -33.3
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	7,436,029 7,430,896 5,132	1.3 1.3 7.8	2,224,405 2,222,189 2,217	6.7 7.1 -78.3
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	8,533,986 8,527,946 2,309,093 6,218,853 6,040	- 0.5 -0.5 -1.2 -0.2 10.8	2,815,719 2,813,503 1,978,208 835,294 2,217	2.3 2.6 -3.8 21.8 -78.3
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	87.1		79.0	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	20,787 20,787 0	8.1 8.1 	346 346 0	-29.3 -29.3
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	131,597 131,597 0	12.6 12.6 	1,097 1,097 0	9.2 9.2
Hours flown	71	0.4	32	3.1
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	307,003	-1.1	84,808	3.0

Table 7
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, July 2012

	Air Car	nada	West	Jet
	July 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	July 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
_	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	2,377 2,375 2	-1.0 -1.0 16.2	1,592 1,589 3	8.6 8.7 -42.9
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	8,292,095 8,287,718 4,377	-1.5 -1.5 58.4	2,608,236 2,605,643 2,593	6.6 7.1 -80.4
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	9,482,456 9,477,256 2,659,829 6,817,427 5,200	-1.0 -1.1 -2.7 -0.4 68.3	3,056,826 3,054,233 2,202,196 852,037 2,593	2.0 2.4 -1.1 12.6 -80.4
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	87.4		85.3	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	21,374 21,374 0	0.8 0.8	420 420 0	-20.0 -20.0
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	135,350 135,350 0	1.6 1.6 	1,136 1,136 0	9.2 9.2
Hours flown	79	0.4	35	2.2
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	342,518	1.0	93,124	3.5

Table 8
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, August 2012

	Air Can	ada	WestJ	et
	August 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	August 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
<u>-</u>	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	2,488 2,487 1	1.3 1.3 -53.5	1,660 1,657 2	11.5 11.7 -35.7
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	8,541,809 8,541,167 642	0.0 0.1 -83.7	2,719,234 2,716,741 2,494	9.1 9.5 -77.6
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	9,549,319 9,548,362 2,699,942 6,848,420 958	0.0 0.0 -0.7 0.3 -77.1	3,058,125 3,055,632 2,206,934 848,698 2,494	2.3 2.6 -1.5 14.9 -77.6
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	89.5		88.9	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	21,478 21,478 0	3.4 3.4 	424 424 0	4.6 4.6
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	134,222 134,222 0	4.5 4.5 	1,112 1,112 0	20.1 20.1
Hours flown	80	1.1	35	2.5
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	348,110	1.1	93,130	3.3

Table 9
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, September 2012

	Air Canad	da	WestJet	t
	September 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	September 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
<u>-</u>	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	2,123 2,122 1	2.4 2.5 -82.9	1,360 1,358 2	8.9 9.0 -33.3
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	7,454,721 7,454,007 715	2.9 3.0 -82.3	2,161,620 2,159,403 2,217	7.7 8.1 -78.3
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	8,614,136 8,612,488 2,288,725 6,323,763 1,648	0.3 0.4 -0.1 0.6 -75.5	2,732,463 2,730,247 1,884,542 845,704 2,217	1.7 2.0 -3.1 15.4 -78.3
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	86.5		79.1	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	20,431 20,431 0	5.3 5.3 	406 406 0	-10.8 -10.8
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	128,538 128,538 0	7.5 7.5	967 967 0	5.8 5.8
Hours flown	71	1.1	31	1.6
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	304,903	-0.7	82,191	2.5

Table 10
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, October 2012

	Air Cana	ıda	WestJe	et
	October 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	October 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
_	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	1,997 1,996 1	3.9 4.1 -77.4	1,437 1,435 3	8.6 8.9 -62.1
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	6,651,280 6,649,402 1,878	4.7 4.8 -66.5	2,252,923 2,250,291 2,632	5.9 6.6 -83.0
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	7,901,905 7,896,668 2,098,791 5,797,877 5,237	0.2 0.2 0.9 -0.1 -28.4	2,774,359 2,771,727 1,805,358 966,369 2,632	0.9 1.4 -3.7 12.6 -83.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.2	•••	81.2	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	20,569 20,569 0	3.3 3.3 	321 321 0	-21.6 -21.6
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	128,830 128,830 0	4.1 4.1 	988 988 0	15.5 15.5
Hours flown	66	0.8	32	3.3
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	290,070	1.0	86,127	6.5

Table 11
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, November 2012

	Air Cana	da	WestJe	t
	November 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	November 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
_	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	1,726 1,724 2	3.0 3.3 -74.2	1,389 1,387 2	8.9 8.8 555.4
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	5,369,116 5,367,238 1,878	4.3 4.4 -70.1	2,334,819 2,332,603 2,217	8.3 8.2 79.9
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	6,778,547 6,773,323 1,745,066 5,028,257 5,224	1.2 1.3 -2.2 2.6 -31.1	2,828,310 2,826,093 1,340,008 1,486,085 2,217	1.7 1.7 -3.9 7.3 79.9
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	79.2		82.5	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	21,022 21,022 0	4.6 4.6 	427 427 0	11.0 11.0
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	133,826 133,826 0	6.2 6.2	1,006 1,006 0	24.6 24.6
Hours flown	59	0.9	33	2.9
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	248,492	3.1	87,332	4.2

Table 12
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, December 2012

	Air Cana	da	WestJe	t
	December 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	December 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
_	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	1,984 1,983 1	2.3 2.6 -88.4	1,488 1,486 2	6.5 6.4 687.5
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	6,507,870 6,506,583 1,287	2.8 3.0 -90.1	2,642,771 2,640,589 2,182	7.2 7.2 433.7
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	7,805,270 7,802,834 1,898,120 5,904,714 2,437	1.5 1.7 -4.1 3.7 -85.9	3,228,554 3,226,372 1,399,317 1,827,055 2,182	6.0 5.9 -2.4 13.2 433.7
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	83.4		81.8	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	22,344 22,344 0	2.4 2.4	460 460 0	27.2 27.2
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	143,203 143,203 0	5.1 5.1 	949 949 0	13.7 13.7
Hours flown	67	1.2	37	5.3
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	285,425	1.4	98,283	7.7

Table 13
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, January to December 2012

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	January to December 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012	January to December 2012	Change from 2011 to 2012
_	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers Total scheduled services Total charter services	24,759 24,715 44	2.0 2.1 -30.6	17,423 17,400 23	8.6 8.8 -44.3
Total passenger-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	82,686,662 82,592,863 93,799	2.3 2.4 -19.0	29,390,733 29,366,508 24,226	8.1 8.5 -79.6
Total available seat-kilometres Total scheduled services Domestic International Total charter services	98,331,303 98,211,132 25,288,393 72,922,739 120,171	0.8 0.8 -0.8 1.4 -17.9	35,507,896 35,483,671 20,216,242 15,267,428 24,226	4.1 4.4 -0.9 12.4 -79.6
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.1		82.8	
Total goods carried (kilograms) Total scheduled services Total charter services	250,501 250,501 0	2.6 2.6	4,471 4,471 0	-16.4 -16.4
Total goods tonne-kilometres Total scheduled services Total charter services	1,581,952 1,581,952 0	4.9 4.9 	11,353 11,353 0	6.4 6.4
Hours flown	836	1.0	403	4.0
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	3,568,180	1.6	1,078,842	5.0

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