

# Busy times for AMAC Aerospace

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AMAC Aerospace at Basel, Switzerland, is enjoying a bustling time in terms of wide-body aircraft checks and MRO work. This month, five slots have been occupied with heavy business jets, comprising a VIP Boeing 747-8 undergoing a C-check and other annual inspections, a head-of-state Airbus A330-200 and another, from a private owner having a landing gear change, and an Airbus A350 undergoing a VVIP completion.

In June, a head-of-state Boeing 777-300ER



This VIP Boeing 747-8 is currently undergoing a C-check at AMAC Aerospace's facility in Basel, Switzerland.

is slated to arrive for a two-week landing gear replacement, while AMAC has also signed a contract for the major check and upgrade of a head-of-state Boeing 747-8. Part of the work will be the replacement of medical equipment within its onboard surgery suite.

The majority of the owners of these aircraft are taking advantage of AMAC's one-stop-shop

approach, with cabin and system repairs and upgrades taking place alongside the scheduled maintenance work.

One of AMAC's largest jobs of recent times is nearing completion with the end-of-lease redelivery of five Airbus A330s to the Royal Canadian Air Force, which is leasing them. The aircraft underwent C5 heavy checks and numerous inspections and repairs. They were also fully painted—three in military grey and two in a VVIP government scheme.

AMAC's large Basel facility is not the only one with lots of work. Its installation in Bodrum, Turkey, has just landed an end-of-lease inspection covering seven Airbus A320-214 narrowbodies. Tasks include a range of inspections, including 12-year checks. Engines and cabins will be removed for detailed inspection and restoration, and wet areas will be rigorously examined. Work on the seven aircraft begins in July but is staggered to ensure a year-long continuous workflow. The aircraft will be painted before going back to the customer.

AMAC Aerospace Turkey has also achieved a notable milestone by being approved for work on the Dassault Falcon 6X. The facility is no stranger to the Falcon family and has just completed a C-check and cabin interior upgrade on a Falcon 2000 Classic.

Away from AMAC Aerospace's core MRO business, one of its subsidiaries—Gamit—has secured a 10-year contract for its Records Online Asset Management (ROAM) software by DRF Luftrettung. The new customer is one of Europe's largest air rescue and helicopter emergency medical service organizations, operating from 30 locations across Germany. ■

