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### EirTrade Aviation partners with RESIDCO to acquire the two youngest A320 NEO aircraft for teardown



*Spirit Airlines A320 NEO. Credit: Tomás Del Coro.*

**Dublin, Chicago, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026** – [EirTrade Aviation](#), the global aviation asset management and trading company headquartered in Dublin, has concluded the acquisition of two A320 NEOs, previously operated by Spirit Airlines, in partnership with Chicago-based aviation and rail lessor, [RESIDCO](#). The aircraft - MSN 10769 and MSN 10921 – are only 4 years and 3.5 years-old respectively and will be the youngest Airbus A320 NEO airframes ever to be torn down. Disassembly will take place in Goodyear, Arizona, and all parts will go to EirTrade's parts hub in Dallas to support AOG requests across the Americas bolstering EirTrade's global inventory on the platform.

Bill Thompson, Vice President Origination & Trading for the Americas at EirTrade Aviation, says that this transaction is a testament to the organisation's commitment to focus on latest technology assets. "We are focused on newer vintage aircraft to ensure that our inventory contains the highest quality rotatables which ensure that our customers can be supported with the latest modification standard components. We have also acquired four sets of in-demand LRU and BFE components from the PW1100 engine type within this significant transaction."

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According to EirTrade, there are currently over 4,400 A320 NEO aircraft in commercial service with a further 7,200 on order, and this excludes the current in-service fleet of 6,500 CEO aircraft for which many of the components are interchangeable. "Given the size of the fleet and Airbus orderbook, this platform will remain the largest segment of the global commercial fleet with demand for USM increasing accordingly," says Thompson.

Dave Kolber, Director - Aviation Marketing at RESIDCO, observes that the partnership with EirTrade is founded on a strong track-record of close cooperation. "This landmark transaction further reinforces the long-standing collaboration between EirTrade and RESIDCO, built on a history of close cooperation and shared execution of complex, high value aviation asset solutions. RESIDCO's aviation vertical has a broad mandate to support the aviation ecosystem through commercial aircraft and engine leasing, teardown financing, as well as full motion simulator and general aviation leasing."

Thompson concludes, "This is another exciting and dynamic deal, and dismantling these young aircraft is another first in the aviation industry for EirTrade and RESIDCO together. Finding ways to support the aviation industry – owners, operators and maintenance providers alike – with the latest technology aircraft, alongside the maturing global fleet, is what we do and we're always looking for opportunities to improve our inventory."

EirTrade confirms that disassembly of the airframes is already underway, and all parts will be repaired and the material made available to the market by the end of Q1 for sale, exchange and AOG.

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