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Astronics Introduces New AC Power Outlet Unit for Passenger Aircraft

- ***Accommodates plugs from 155 countries***
- ***New backlight enhances visibility in dark cabins***
- ***New design provides ready access to AC power in passenger seats, crew rest areas, flight decks and off-seat locations***

REDMOND, WA, October 19, 2009 – Astronics Corporation (NASDAQ: ATRO), a leader in advanced, high performance lighting, electrical power and automated test systems for the global aerospace and defense industries, announced today the release of its 1235-8-XX AC Outlet Unit for use with EMPOWER[®] AC power supplies. The industry-leading passenger power outlet design was enhanced with additional versatility and user interface for today's business jet operators.

The new design provides ready access to AC power in passenger seats, flight decks, and off-seat locations. The combined "power available" – green; and "system status" – white; indication LED on the faceplate is an intuitive visual prompt for users. In addition, a soft internal backlight LED provides visibility in a dark cabin or cockpit. And, with the addition of Swiss and Italian plug compatibility, the 1235-8- XX now accommodates plugs from 155 countries.

Developed in conjunction with aircraft and passenger seat manufacturers, the new 1235-8-XX Outlet Unit allows for maximum installation options and is compatible with the just released decorative Outlet Unit Cover available in 24 Karat Gold plating or un-plated. The outlet can be used with EMPOWER[®] AC power supplies including In-Seat Power Supplies (ISPS) and Seat Power Boxes (SPBs).

Designed for high reliability and worldwide versatility, the extremely robust 1235-8- XX outlet is ideal for today's highly utilized business and commercial aircraft applications.

ABOUT ASTRONICS CORPORATION

Astronics Corporation is a trusted leader in innovative, high performance lighting, power management systems for the global aerospace industry; automated diagnostic test systems, training and simulation devices for the defense industry; and safety and survival equipment for airlines. Astronics' strategy is to develop and maintain positions of technical leadership in its chosen aerospace and defense markets, to leverage those positions to grow the amount of content and volume of product it sells to those markets and to selectively acquire businesses with similar technical capabilities that could benefit from our leadership position and strategic direction. Astronics Corporation, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, DME Corporation, Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp. and Luminescent Systems Inc., have a reputation for high quality designs, exceptional responsiveness, strong brand recognition and best-in-class manufacturing practices. The Company routinely posts news and other important information on its website at www.Astronics.com.

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