

## **Etihad to increase sustainability flight testing**

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Etihad Airways, the national carrier of the United Arab Emirates, is endeavor every week of intensive analysis and testing on over 30 flights to check operational efficiencies, know-how and procedures that can scale back carbon emissions, in an enlargement of its ongoing sustainability flight testing regime.

The week-long programme, coinciding with Earth Day on 22 April, includes over 20 commercial flights operating across Etihad's network to test contrail avoidance technologies in partnership with SATAVIA, a UK-based green aerospace company. The airline will also operate up to 13 dedicated 'EcoFlights' testing a range of flight and engine optimisation initiatives, with successful trials to be incorporated into regular scheduled operations. Each of these flight tests will be operated on Etihad's fleet of fuel-efficient A350 and 787 aircraft, spearheaded by the 'Etihad Greenliner', and Etihad's newest aircraft, the 'Sustainable 50'.

Etihad Airways is a Gold sponsor of WTTC's Global Summit 2022, which is currently taking place in Manila, Philippines.

Tony Douglas, Group Chief Executive Officer, Etihad Aviation Group, said: "Etihad has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability over the last three years, leading the industry through real world testing and application of technology and processes that provide incremental environmental benefit every time we fly.

The tests we're conducting this week are just the latest initiatives in our long running and comprehensive sustainability programme, because for us, sustainability is a priority every day, not just once a year when it's convenient and expected. The results we develop will add to the body of work and knowledge base we've built to support the aviation industry on its journey to decarbonisation."

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