

The SAS Group Traffic figures December 2008

SAS Group's December traffic figures

- SAS Group's traffic decreased by 12.5% during December and seat capacity was down 10.2% vs 2007.
- SAS Group carried 2.2 million passengers in December, down 3.0% vs 2007.
- Total passenger load factor in December was down by 1.7 p.u. to 64,8%.

Group market trends and yield development

Yield for Scandinavian Airlines in November was up by 3.3%, in line with earlier indications. For December 2008, the change in yield is expected to improve slightly and be positive versus last year.

The market is characterized by lower demand due to weaker macroeconomic development in Scandinavia and worldwide. The challenges within the credit market will most likely result in an even more difficult macroeconomic environment in SAS Group's core markets. The SAS Group is currently implementing measures - Profit 2008 - to improve the result development. The measures comprise both revenue enhancing and cost measures totaling SEK 1.5 billion. Capacity reductions of 10% as announced earlier are gradually taking effect. The program is running according to set out plan. More capacity cuts are likely to be implemented in 2009.

SAS Scandinavian Airlines

- Total number of passengers reached 25.4 million during 2008, a decrease by 0.2%.
- Traffic decreased by 9.4% in December
- The passenger load factor decreased by 3.2 p.u to 66.1% in December.

Scandinavian Airlines International's total intercontinental traffic decreased by 10.9% in December vs last year and capacity was down 4.2 % Traffic on both Asian the USA routes was down 11%. The total passenger load factor was 74.5%, down 5.5 p.u.

Scandinavian Airlines Danmark decreased its capacity with 10.2% and the total traffic decreased 8.4% in December. On European routes, the capacity was reduced with 6.7% but traffic was only down 4.7%. The total load factor was 63.8%, up 1.3 p.u.

Scandinavian Airlines Norge's capacity decreased by 5.7% and traffic was down by 8.1%. Total load factor was 56.4%, down by 8.5 p.u.

Scandinavian Airlines Sverige's capacity decreased by 12.9%. The total traffic was down 9.2% resulting in a 2.8 p.u. higher total passenger load factor of 67.7% in December.

Punctuality (December)

Within 15 minutes 85.6% of the flights departed on time and the regularity was 99.2%.

Internet bookings (November)

The proportion of Internet bookings was 34.9% (34.4%) in November 2008

SAS Group	Dec 08	Change	Jan-Dec 08	Change
ASK (Mill.)	3 424	-10,2%	54 837	1,8%
RPK (Mill.)	2 220	-12,5%	38 723	0,0%
Passenger load factor	64,8%	-1,7 p u	70,6%	-1,3 p u
No. of passengers (Mill.)	2,232	-12,9%	37,886	-3,0%

p u = percentage units









Summary of the airlines	Dec 2008 vs. Dec 2007					
	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)	Load factor	Change of load factor		
SAS Group	-12,5%	-10,2%	64,8%	-1,7 p u		
SAS Scandinavian						
Airlines	-9,4%	-5,0%	66,1%	-3,2 p u		
Spanair	-25,0%	-28,2%	62,6%	+2,7 p u		
Widerøe	5,0%	16,2%	54,2%	-5,8 p u		
Blue1	-0,8%	4,2%	60,1%	-3,0 p u		

SAS Scandinavian						
Airlines	Dec 08	Change	Jan-Dec 08	Change		
ASK (Mill.)	2 483	-5,0 %	38 776	5,2 %		
RPK (Mill.)	1 641	-9,4 %	27 890	2,1 %		
Passenger load factor	66,1%	-3,2 p u	71,9%	-2,2 p u		
Passengers (Mill.)	1,539	-9,4 %	25,355	-0,2 %		
Route area	ı	Dec 08 vs		Jan-Dec 08 vs.		
(change):	T (f)	Dec 07	Jan-D			
	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)		
Intercontinental	-10,9%	-4,2%	1,4%	0,7%		
Europe	-3,9%	-2,0%	6,6%	10,7%		
Intrascandinavian	-5,4%	-3,2%	0,8%	10,2%		
Denmark	-3,1%	-11,1%	4,3%	3,2%		
Norway	-19,9%	-8,5%	-5,7%	-1,2%		
Sweden	-12,5%	-17,3%	-2,9%	3,0%		
Scandinavian Airlines						
Danmark	Dec 08	Change	Jan-Dec 08	Change		
ASK (Mill.)	530	-10,2 %	8 659	2,2 %		
RPK (Mill.)	338	-8,4 %	5 842	-1,5 %		
Passenger load factor	63,8%	+1,3 p u	67,5%	-2,5 p u		
Passengers (000)	469,1	-10,4 %	7 770,1	-4,2 %		
Scandinavian Airlines						
Norge	Dec 08	Change	Jan-Dec 08	Change		
ASK (Mill.)	664	5,7 %	10 886	10,6 %		
RPK (Mill.)	374	-8,1 %	7 190	5,0 %		
Passenger load factor	56,4%	-8,5 p u	66,0%	-3,5 p u		
Passengers (000)	586,8	-7,4 %	10 000,7	2,8 %		
Scandinavian Airlines						
Sverige	Dec 08	Change	Jan-Dec 08	Change		
ASK (Mill.)	467	-12,9 %	7 531	8,8 %		
	316	-9,2 %	5 091	4,0 %		
RPK (Mill.)	310					
RPK (Mill.) Passenger load factor	67,7%	+2,8 p u	67,6%	-3,1 p u		

SAS Individually Branded Airlines

Spanair traffic development

In December capacity decreased by 28.2% following implementation of the restructuring program and reducing the fleet with 15 aircraft. Load factor increased 2,7 p.u. vs last year reaching 62.6% and number of passengers was 437.000 down 27.8% vs last year.

Domestic capacity decreased by 31,2% while the traffic decreased by 29,1%. The load factor increased by 1,9 p.u. to 63.0% and total number of passengers on domestic routes was 379.000. Yield pressure is evident in the market due to slowdown of the Spanish economy.

International capacity decreased by 17,0% due to route closure. The traffic decreased 8,4%, leading to an improved load factor of 5,7 p.u. due to capacity adjustment and commercial activities. Total number of passengers on the international routes was 59.000.

Widerøe's traffic development

Widerøe carried 142.000 passenger in December, an increase by 2%. The capacity was increased by 16.2% as a result of last year's grounding of the company's Dash 8-Q400 and the traffic increased 5%. The total load factor was down by 5.8 p.u. to 54.2%.

Blue 1's traffic development

The total number of passengers was 113.000 in December, down by 4.4% compared to last year. The volumes were negatively affected by a 26% decrease in number of European flights compared to last year.

The total traffic decreased by 0.8% vs last year. The total passenger load factor was 60.1% in December which represents a decrease of 3.0 p.u. compared to last year.



Spanair (scheduled)	Dec 08	Change	Jan-Dec 08	Change
ASK (Mill)	704	-28,2 %	12 830	-7,4 %
RPK (Mill)	441	-25,0 %	8 794	-6,1 %
Passenger load				
factor	62,6%	+2,7 p u	68,5%	+0,9 p u
Total no. of				
passengers (Mill)	0,437	-27,8 %	8,879	-10,4 %
Route area (change):		c 08 vs. c 07	Jan-Dec Jan-De	
	Traffic	Capacity	Traffic	Capacity
	(RPK)	(ASK)	(RPK)	(ASK)
Spanish domestic	-29,1%	-31,2%	-7,5%	-6.3%
European Routes	-8,4%	-17,0%	-1,8%	-10,7%



Widerøe's	Dec 08	Change	Jan-Dec 08	Change
ASK (Mill.)	84	16,2 %	1 093	7,4 %
RPK (Mill.)	46	5,0 %	653	6,3 %
Passenger load				
factor	54,2%	-5,8 p u	59,7%	-0,6 p u
Total no. of				
passengers (Mill)	0,142	2,0 %	2,034	3,6 %

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Blue1	Dec 08	Change	Jan-Dec 08	Change	
ASK (Mill.)	154	4,2 %	2 138	-1,1 %	
RPK (Mill.)	92	-0,8 %	1 386	-4,2 %	
Passenger load					
factor	60,1%	-3,0 p u	64,8%	-2,1 p u	
Total no. of					
passengers (Mill)	0,113	-4,4 %	1,618	-10,0 %	

SAS Group APPENDIX – Traffic, capacity, passenger load factors and number of passengers per route area.

INTERCONTINENTAL ROUTES	Dec 08	Dec 07	CHANGE	Jan-Dec 08	Jan-Dec 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	823	859	-4,2%	11 700	11 616	+0,7%
RPK (Mill.)	613	688	-10,9%	9 767	9 634	+1,4%
Passenger load factor	74,5%	80,0%	-5,5 p u	83,5%	82,9%	+0,5 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	86	96	-10,2%	1 366	1 341	+1,9%
EUROPEAN ROUTES	Dec 08	Dec 07	CHANGE	Jan-Dec 08	Jan-Dec 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	1 823	2 110	-13,6%	31 351	30 834	1,7%
RPK (Mill.)	1 141	1 312	-13,1%	21 395	21 338	0,3%
Passenger load factor	62,6%	62,2%	+0,4 p u	68,2%	69,2%	-1,0 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	1 107	1 304	-15,1%	20 261	21 025	-3,6%
INTRA-SCANDINAVIAN ROUTES	Dec 08	Dec 07	CHANGE	Jan-Dec 08	Jan-Dec 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	196	201	-2,5%	3 063	2 742	11,7%
RPK (Mill.)	117	123	-4,7%	1 870	1 826	2,4%
Passenger load factor	59,8%	61,2%	-1,4 p u	61,0%	66,6%	-5,6 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	234	250	-6,2%	3 758	3 745	0,3%
DANISH DOMESTIC ROUTES	Dec 08	Dec 07	CHANGE	Jan-Dec 08	Jan-Dec 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	18	20	-11,1%	290	281	3,2%
RPK (Mill.)	12	12	-3,1%	190	182	4,3%
Passenger load factor	64,8%	59,4%	+5,3 p u	65,4%	64,7%	+0,7 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	55	57	-3,7%	795	775	2,6%
NORWEGIAN DOMESTIC ROUTES	Dec 08	Dec 07	CHANGE	Jan-Dec 08	Jan-Dec 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	410	435	-5,7%	6 123	6 171	-0,8%
RPK (Mill.)	232	280	-17,3%	3 952	4 156	-4,9%
Passenger load factor	56,5%	64,5%	-7,9 p u	64,5%	67,3%	-2,8 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	543	617	-12,0%	8 643	8 977	-3,7%
SWEDISH DOMESTIC ROUTES	Dec 08	Dec 07	CHANGE	Jan-Dec 08	Jan-Dec 07	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	155	187	-17,3%	2 309	2 242	3,0%
RPK (Mill.)	106	121	-12,5%	1 550	1 595	-2,9%
Passenger load factor	68,4%	64,6%	+3,8 p u	67,1%	71,2%	-4,1 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	207	239	-13,4%	3063	3209	-4,6%