South African Airways Latest Boeing 747-400 Flies New Colors

South African Airways (SAA), the flag carrier for South Africa, took delivery of its latest Boeing 747-400, painted in the airline's new livery. The new design reflects the colors of the South African flag and symbolizes SAA's role in a changing South Africa. The airplane, ordered in December 1995, is the fifth 747-400 delivered to SAA and will undergo routine modification prior to entering service with the airline. South African Airways was the first airline in Africa to purchase this model, taking its first delivery in January 1991.

The Boeing 747-400 incorporates evolving technology into one of the world's most modern and fuel-efficient airliners in commercial operation. The 747-400 delivers more range, better fuel economy and lower operating costs than previous models of the 747, as well as offering advances in aerodynamics, structural materials, avionics and interior design. Boeing has received orders for 460 747-400s and has delivered 342. To date, more than 1,157 747s of all models have been delivered to customers around the world.
Based in Johannesburg, South Africa, SAA has been a Boeing customer since 1960, when it took delivery of a 707. During the past 38 years, the region's continuing development has been closely tied to Boeing's role in linking African countries with each other and with the rest of the world. The carrier currently operates a fleet of 34 Boeing aircraft. Air service from SAA's three main hubs in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban, cover domestic, European, Asian and South American routes.
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