# IN AIRCRAFT YOUR PERFORMANCE STARTS WITH CABLES



# DEVOTED SUPPORTER IN SATISFYING CUSTOMERS' DIVERSE REQUIREMENTS

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

First civil jet, consistent with airworthiness requirements, designed and built entirely in China.

# **CUSTOMER CHALLENGES**

- Civil aircraft designed to apply for airworthiness in true sense.
- Not familiar with airworthiness requirements and related standards.
- Need to choose the most suitable wires & cables within limited timeline.

#### **NEXANS SOLUTIONS**

- Technical seminars and training sessions at very high rhythm organized both from oversea and local teams.
- Given our rich experience in the aircraft manufacturing industry, Nexans has become an historical cable manufacturer in the field.
- Standard education: member of the ASD-STAN committee in Europe and SAE-AS committee in the U.S., acting as an expert for establishing global standards.
- Provide all necessary test information, documents and open facilities at engineers' disposal.

# RELIABLE COMPANION TO C919 SINCE THE EARLY DESIGN STAGE

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

 One of the most important projects in realizing Chinese blue dream. Designed independently by COMAC and built entirely in China to compete with A320, B737.

#### **CUSTOMER CHALLENGES**

- Young team in design and manufacturing commercial aircraft to apply for airworthiness.
- Find high quality and safe wires & cables solutions.
- Need reliable aerospace wires & cables expert who is willing to invest since the very first beginning to accompany the long tough design period.
- Need a partner with supportive, responsive and trustful spirits.

### **NEXANS SOLUTIONS**

- Residential engineer for on time technical support to share our expertise anytime customer needs in design phase.
- Work globally to be very responsive to every question during design period, provide supportive technical documents.
- Training sessions and seminars to share our technical expertise and help make the right choice.
- High quality and with years proven experience safe wires & cables solution for all needs of C919.

# CHINA'S CHANGHE OPTS FOR LATEST-GENERATION Z SERIES HELICOPTER CABLES

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

• Multi-functional rotary-wing transport for both defense and commercial applications

# **CUSTOMER CHALLENGES**

• Technical support and special expertise to find correct cable design for different helicopter environments, weight and vibration resistance.

# **NEXANS SOLUTIONS**

- Early design from drawing board onwards, technical training to local design staff and prototype assistance.
- Our new smooth tape-wrap technology has also been approved in the latest Chinese fighter aircraft and by several North American defense firms.

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# LIGHTER AND ARC TRACKING RESISTANT CABLES FOR AIRBUS 380 PASSENGER AIRCRAFT

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### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

• New specs for aluminum cables make significant space and weight gains.

#### **CUSTOMER CHALLENGES**

 Airbus was already using aluminum, but needed a new generation of cables that were compatible with lugs and terminations.

#### **NEXANS SOLUTIONS**

- Created a new range of cables with a tape-wrapped insulation that allowed a 5% weight gain over previous cables.
- Today, Airbus is applying this power cable to A380 aircraft, and other OEMs are following their lead. Similar cables have also been used on the American space shuttles, and the Mars Exploration Rover Missions.
- Furthermore, Nexans developed a new generation of fireresistant cable following the latest and most stringent European norms, which bring both benefits: light weight and arc-tracking resistance in bundled configurations.

# DIELECTRIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR GREATER COAX PERFORMANCE

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

• A new range of coaxial cables used for navigation, avionics and anti-collision systems are both resistant and compatible.

#### • CUSTOMER CHALLENGES

Previous coaxial cables used a foam dielectric insulation. However, the process needed to be changed due to new REACH regulations.

# • NEXANS SOLUTIONS

Based on our long experience with extrusion, Nexans has developed a new "daisy" or "wagon wheel" (spoke) design. This aerated dielectric uses air rather than extruded foam insulation. This solution meets the very latest environmental regulations, is significantly lighter and greatly improves dielectric performance – thus extending the use of coaxial cables well into the next decade.





#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

• Drawing on proven "daisy" designs, Nexans developed a lightweight AWG databus cable.

### **CUSTOMER CHALLENGES**

 Because of a mono-source, a leading OEM was paying a high price for this type of cable and was looking for a reliable, high-performance alternative.

#### **NEXANS SOLUTIONS**

- Nexans has developed a lightweight AWG databus cable that achieved exceptional performance at a very reasonable price.
- It is widely used on many helicopter programs such as NHIndustries'NH90 multitask military helicopter and Eurocopter's Tiger attack helicopter.



# HYBRID CABLES FOR MILITARY APPLICATIONS

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

• A leading contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense asked Nexans to design multifunction cables with enhanced mechanical and electrical performance.

### **CUSTOMER CHALLENGES**

 The contractor needed an electrical wire interconnect system that met severe weight restrictions, while offering a very high level of performance in terms of flexibility, cutthrough resistance and abrasion resistance. It had to carry signal, power, and high-speed data and had to incorporate only Mil-spec certified components.

# **NEXANS SOLUTIONS**

 Nexans submitted four designs for hybrid cables made of twisted pairs, twin-axes, coaxes and multi-core cables to the contractor and provided samples so that its partner could provide terminations and then submit the cables for rigorous testing. After extensive testing for mechanical and electrical performance, they were found to be a superior solution. Nexans and its partner were awarded the contract for eight years and have since been given a fouryear extension.



# LIGHTER WEIGHT AND INCREASED EFFICIENCY ON SUKHOÏ SUPERJET 100

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

 Nexans developed new specs of cables for the manufacturing of the Sukhoï Superjet 100 regional jet, designed and spearheaded by the Sukhoï Civil Aicraft Company (SCAC) in Russia.

#### **CUSTOMER CHALLENGES**

 Designed to compete internationally with its An-148, Embraer E-Jet and Bombardier CSeries counterparts, the Superjet 100 claims substantially lower operating costs, at a lower purchase price of \$35 million.

### NEXANS SOLUTIONS

 During the development phase, Nexans have supported Sukhoi and brought new technologies on all the aerospace range of cables: lightweight on hookup wires, fire-resistant cables, high frequency on data cables.

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# NEW GENERATION OF LIGHT WEIGHT COAXIAL CABLES

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

• Nexans provided a new range of coaxial cables to replace existing coaxial links WD and WN cables.

#### **CUSTOMER CHALLENGES**

 In response to tougher regulations on noise and greenhouse gas emissions or with the aim of optimising fuel costs, the contractor searches for solutions to minimise weight on aircraft, thus, with no compromise on safety, performance and reliability.

### **NEXANS SOLUTIONS**

- Nexans developed a new range coaxial cables for onboard HF data transmission (radio, radar, anti-collision, communications, navigations and avionics). KX cables for enhanced high-frequency and KW cables featuring an all-aluminum weight-saving conductor, fully compatible with the already existing Airbus stripping tools.
- Reduced weight by 20% to 30%, with same electrical performance.

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