



## **American Eagle Airlines Goes Green**

### **Now Prepares Planes for Painting with Safe PreKote Solution from Pantheon**

Phoenix, AZ – August 26, 2009 – Pantheon Enterprises' green technology has been selected by American Eagle Airlines for use in repainting aircraft. This solution is a non-toxic alternative to products containing hexavalent chromium that are often used in the aerospace industry. By switching to this innovative product, called PreKote Surface Pretreatment, American Eagle has been able to significantly cut process time, improve safety conditions, as well as reduce water usage and wastewater treatment.

“For 40 years, we’ve been preparing planes for painting with labor-intensive processes that had to be handled and disposed of carefully. I thought it would be hard to change to PreKote, but it wasn’t,” said Jim Burress, General Manager, Dean Baldwin Painting, Roswell, New Mexico. “Our customer, American Eagle Airlines, asked us to change, and we did. We’re happy with PreKote, we’ve have had no problems with it, and the learning curve was easy.”

Adds Jeanne Warren, Dean Baldwin Painting’s Director of Business Development, “We’re very happy to make things more environmentally friendly. As a paint company, we are very concerned about the environment, and we’re pleased that our customers are moving in this direction.”

Although it takes time, more and more companies and government agencies are changing to green solutions that, despite expectations, prove to be more effective. For instance, leaders within the U.S. Air Force instituted rigorous testing to determine if they could reduce the use of hexavalent chromium in their operations. And, after a long-term evaluation, they chose to switch to PreKote in painting thousands of their aircraft.

Following the Air Force’s success with PreKote, Continental Airlines, Delta, Southwest Airlines, United Parcel Service (UPS), Air Canada, Dassault, as well as others have adopted this safe solution. Many PreKote customers in fact, have received recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Design for the Environment (DfE) program for their use of PreKote.

"American Eagle’s decision to use PreKote is another important achievement in our fight to stop the use of hexavalent chromium within the aerospace industry,” said Pantheon Enterprises CEO, Laura Roberts. “We commend the leaders at American Eagle Airlines and other companies who are making decisions to use environmentally-friendly solutions that are good for the nation and their shareholders.”

Since the 1930's, hexavalent chromium has been used for corrosion protection and paint adhesion on aircraft. According to OSHA, the primary health impairments from overexposure to hexavalent chromium are lung cancer, asthma, and damage to the nasal epithelia and skin.

In February 2006, OSHA announced a new standard that reduced the permissible exposure limit for hexavalent chromium.

### **About Pantheon Enterprises**

Pantheon Enterprises is revolutionizing the industrial chemical industry by providing breakthrough solutions that are safe for people and the environment, deliver higher performance than competitive chemicals and result in significant improvement to the bottom line. PreKote is Pantheon's award-winning formulation that enables companies and government agencies worldwide to eliminate carcinogens in the aviation painting process. Pantheon's weapon care products are the industry standard for safe gun-cleaning technologies. MetLube metalworking fluid significantly improves machine performance. And Pantheon offers effective cleaning solutions for many industrial needs.

Pantheon proves that innovative green chemistry yields better levels of product performance combined with substantial savings of time and money. Pantheon Enterprises is headquartered in Phoenix, AZ, USA. For more information, please visit [www.pantheonchemical.com](http://www.pantheonchemical.com).

### **About American Eagle**

American Eagle operates over 1,500 daily flights to nearly 160 cities throughout the United States, Canada, the Bahamas, Mexico and the Caribbean on behalf of American Airlines. American, American Eagle and the AmericanConnection<sup>®</sup> airlines serve 250 cities in 40 countries with, on average, more than 3,400 daily flights. The combined network fleet numbers more than 900 aircraft. American's award-winning Web site, AA.com, provides users with easy access to check and book fares, plus personalized news, information and travel offers.

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### **About Dean Baldwin Painting**

Dean Baldwin Painting specializes in aircraft strip and paint services for airlines, military and corporate customers. DBP has been in business for over forty years and is an ISO 9001:2000 Certified, Minority-Woman owned Small, privately held business with HUB Zone certification at its Roswell, NM facility. Dean Baldwin Painting operates under its FAA Approved 145 Repair Station License #D5XR2124, with a Limited Airframe rating. The facility is 165,000 sq. ft. with 6 temperature controlled paint bays, 2 EPA approved Waste Water treatment plants, an automated Foam Deluge Fire Suppression System, and upgraded fresh air supply systems.

Additional capabilities include; 4, 7 & 8 Day Service Checks; Maintenance Visit 2; and Periodic Service Checks, minor maintenance associated with these checks, limited NDT testing (Scribe Mark Inspections) for B737's and B757's, flight control removal, balance and reinstallation and aircraft weighing on numerous fleet types. For more information, contact Jeanne L. Warren at [jeanne@deanbaldwinpainting.com](mailto:jeanne@deanbaldwinpainting.com) or visit the web site at [www.deanbaldwinpainting.com](http://www.deanbaldwinpainting.com).

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