

## Thales Launches New Line of Satellite Communications Solution to Ensure Reliable Connectivity Worldwide on Iridium Certus®

- Thales expands its footprint in L-band maritime and land markets with ThalesLINK 200 series.
- The newest L-band solutions from Thales, MissionLINK 200 and VesseLINK 200 will provide reliable communications everywhere in the world, including the poles.
- The ThalesLINK 200 series is now available worldwide for maritime and land applications through an exclusive network of 19 Official Partners.



Thales VesseLINK 200 satcom antenna. @Thales

Today, Thales announces the launch of its new ThalesLINK product line of L-band solutions – MissionLINK 200 and VesseLINK 200. These solutions are the first of their kind for Iridium Certus® 200 services, which operate on a network of 66 satellites, providing reliable, always-on connectivity everywhere in the world. The unique 200 series is uniquely designed for customers looking for increased mobility, with the same reliability and low-latency that Iridium offers.

*“We are very proud of the positive market response to our ThalesLINK products,” said **Mike Sheehan, President and CEO of Thales Defense and Security Inc.** “The new 200 series of products have been highly anticipated by our partners, and we are excited to continue to exceed expectations.”*

The ThalesLINK 200 series is the second product line of L-band solutions on Iridium Certus following the January 2019 launch of MissionLINK 700 – for land applications – and VesseLINK 700 – for maritime applications. The arrival of the high-performing, small form factor MissionLINK 200 and VesseLINK 200 solutions now bring the powerful Iridium Certus service platform to a new set of customers, on-land and at-sea.

The powerful MissionLINK 200 and VesseLINK 200 solutions provide 176 kbps of upload/download speed for voice and data communications in extreme environmental conditions such as temperatures that range from -40 to +55° C. They also feature highly-compact, lighter-weight antennas that weigh less than 0.7 kilograms (1.5 pounds), making them ideal solutions for smaller platforms ranging from racing sailboats to public safety vehicles.

*“The VesseLINK 200 and MissionLINK 200 deliver a unique size and performance combination that allow more customers to access reliability connectivity in the maritime and land markets,” said **Bryan Hartin, executive vice president of sales and marketing, Iridium.** “Thales is a highly valued Iridium partner and our long-standing relationship enables us to continue innovating together to create the highest quality products that work anywhere in the world.”*

These new ThalesLINK 200 solutions have undergone rigorous testing and validation by both Thales and Iridium, as well as six Official Beta Partners that distribute L-band satellite communications solutions for a variety of land and sea missions. Exceeding expectations of the testing partners, these cutting-edge, next-generation solutions are now available through an exclusive network of 19 Official Partners.

Now more than ever, customers around the globe may rely on Thales for decisive connectivity solutions, whatever their mission.

## About Thales

Thales (Euronext Paris: HO) is a global leader in advanced technologies, investing in digital and “deep tech” innovations – connectivity, big data, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and quantum computing – to build a confident future crucial for the development of our societies. The Group provides its customers – businesses, organisations and governments – in the defense, aeronautics, space, transport, and digital identity and security domains with solutions, services and products that help them fulfil their critical role, consideration for the individual being the driving force behind all decisions.

Thales has 81,000 employees in 68 countries. In 2020 the Group generated sales of €17 billion.

## About Thales in the USA

In the United States, Thales has conducted significant research and development, manufacturing, and service capabilities for more than 100 years. Today, Thales is present in 22 states, operating 46 different facilities and employing nearly 5,000 people. Working closely with U.S. customers and local partners, Thales is able to meet the most complex requirements for every operating environment.

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