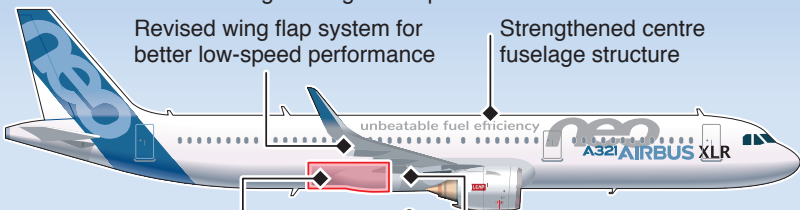


Boeing raises A321XLR safety concerns

Boeing has raised concerns over the design of arch-rival Airbus' newest narrow-body jet, the A321XLR, saying a novel type of fuel tank – moulded directly into the fuselage – could pose fire risks

AIRBUS A321XLR – design changes compared to basic A321



Rear Centre Tank (RCT)

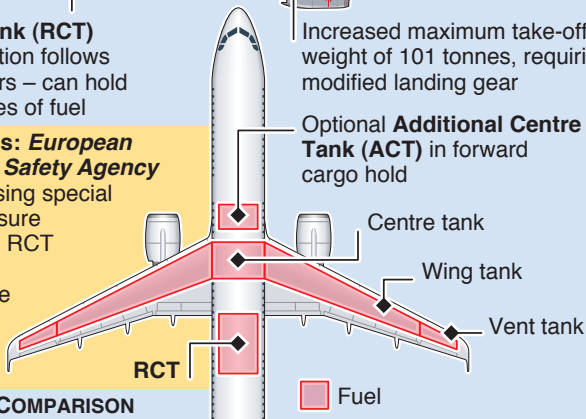
Permanent addition follows fuselage contours – can hold up to 12,900 litres of fuel

Safety concerns: *European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)*

is imposing special conditions to ensure fuselage around RCT is adequately protected in case of exposure to external fire

Increased maximum take-off weight of 101 tonnes, requiring modified landing gear

Optional **Additional Centre Tank (ACT)** in forward cargo hold



A321 VARIANT COMPARISON

	A321neo (new engine option)	A321LR (long range)	A321XLR (extra long range)
Range	3,500 nautical miles (6,500km)	4,100 nautical miles (7,600km)	4,700 nautical miles (8,700km)
Seats	240	220	200

Airbus A321XLR claims to have longest range of any single-aisle jet – it can fly further than competing Boeing 737 Max and connect destinations that were not previously cost-effective