

# Total Air Freight Solution for Top Tier 1 Supplier

A case study of GAC's end-to-end automotive logistics services from Europe to multiple assembly plants in China

A world market leader which supplies roof systems, parking heaters and air-conditioning systems to the global automotive industry needs to transport its cargo from different parts of Europe to its manufacturing plants in China.

### Supply chain disruption due to pandemic crunch

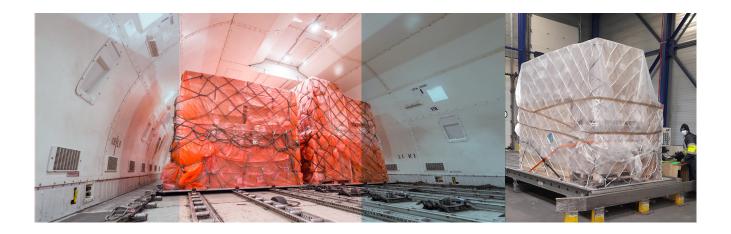
It is no mean feat. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, global automotive production lines and supply chains have been massively disrupted by lockdowns, travel restrictions and preventive measures implemented by countries. Shippers are facing extended transit times and space constraints with sea freight. Securing air freight space at good rates pre-pandemic was already a challenge. Now, restricted and suspended flights, reduced capacities coupled with prolonged transits and labour shortage, have led to an unstable air freight market with soaring rates.

The Europe-based manufacturer needs a dependable freight solution with weekly delivery on a long-term basis so that its production lines in China can run smoothly without the risk of stoppage.



# Delivering a reliable, guaranteed and competitive air freight solution

Robust supply chain and stable production with regular and timely shipments



#### **Customised charter solution**

To overcome the challenges, GAC's response is to charter our own flights from Europe to China for our automotive customers. With daily pick-ups and five dedicated weekly flight departures, we meet the customer's needs for quaranteed space for regular deliveries, short transit times and competitive rates, on a longterm basis.

Since November 2021, GAC has been handling an average of 65 tons of air freight shipments for the leading global heating and cooling systems manufacturer.

At origin, our automotive logistics team collects the cargo from manufacturing plants in Europe. The air freight shipment is loaded, transported to and handled at the airport of departure, and packaged for air freight carriage in line with IATA regulations. GAC also handles all the necessary documentation. Upon the cargo's arrival in China, GAC's local automotive logistics specialists handle the customs clearance and last mile delivery to factories in Wuhan and Changchun.

#### **Total visibility**

Our advanced IT system gives total visibility of the progress of the cargo at every step along the supply chain, and generates reports on inventory flow and key performance indicators for the customer.

## The GAC advantage

- · Guaranteed space with own charter flight network
- Reliable weekly departures
- · Short transit times
- · Competitive rates
- · Long-term agreement
- · Extensive operational expertise and experience
- Passionate logistics experts



GAC's tailored and flexible air charter solution for time critical air freight cargo takes the uncertainty out from customers' supply chain, even during pandemic times.

# **GAC Automotive Logistics**



