

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of earliest event
reported: January 4, 2005

American Airlines, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)	1-2691 (Commission File Number)	13-1502798 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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4333 Amon Carter Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	76155 (Zip Code)
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(817) 963-1234
(Registrant's telephone number)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on January 4, 2005 as Exhibit 99.1, which is included herein. This press release was issued to report December traffic for American Airlines, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

American Airlines, Inc.

/s/ Charles D. MarLett
Charles D. MarLett
Corporate Secretary

Dated: January 5, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press Release

CONTACT: Tim Wagner

FOR RELEASE: Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005

AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS DECEMBER TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas - American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, reported a December load factor of 74.6 percent, an increase of 0.9 points compared to December of last year. Traffic during the month grew by 6.1 percent, while capacity increased 4.9 percent year over year.

International traffic increased 10.3 percent relative to last year on 12.7 percent more capacity. Domestic traffic grew by 4.1 percent compared to last year on a 1.4 percent increase in capacity.

American boarded 7.8 million passengers in December.

Detailed traffic and capacity data are on the following pages:

AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION
COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY
EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

	December		
	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	10,982,188	10,350,950	6.1 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	7,354,586	7,063,100	4.1
INTERNATIONAL	3,627,602	3,287,850	10.3
ATLANTIC	1,392,284	1,338,291	4.0
LATIN AMERICA	1,846,209	1,638,062	12.7
PACIFIC	389,109	311,498	24.9
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	14,712,917	14,029,709	4.9 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	9,859,758	9,722,528	1.4
INTERNATIONAL	4,853,159	4,307,181	12.7
ATLANTIC	1,715,527	1,587,871	8.0
LATIN AMERICA	2,657,224	2,327,069	14.2
PACIFIC	480,408	392,241	22.5
LOAD FACTOR			
SYSTEM	74.6 %	73.7 %	0.9 pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	74.5	72.6	1.9
INTERNATIONAL	74.7	76.3	(1.6)
ATLANTIC	81.1	84.2	(3.1)
LATIN AMERICA	69.4	70.3	(0.9)
PACIFIC	80.9	79.4	1.5
PASSENGERS BOARDED	7,797,329	7,435,113	4.9 %
SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)	191,633	172,756	10.9 %

AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION
COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY
EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

	YEAR-TO-DATE December		
	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			

SYSTEM	130,029,369	120,011,650	8.3 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	88,434,071	84,706,037	4.4
INTERNATIONAL	41,595,298	35,305,613	17.8
ATLANTIC	18,177,691	15,803,027	15.0
LATIN AMERICA	19,092,816	16,359,228	16.7
PACIFIC	4,324,791	3,143,359	37.6
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	173,835,988	164,791,451	5.5 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	117,741,364	116,417,916	1.1
INTERNATIONAL	56,094,624	48,373,535	16.0
ATLANTIC	22,350,894	20,241,809	10.4
LATIN AMERICA	28,366,430	23,921,949	18.6
PACIFIC	5,377,300	4,209,777	27.7
LOAD FACTOR			
SYSTEM	74.8 %	72.8 %	2.0 pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	75.1	72.7	2.4
INTERNATIONAL	74.1	72.9	1.2
ATLANTIC	81.3	78.0	3.3
LATIN AMERICA	67.3	68.3	(1.0)
PACIFIC	80.4	74.6	5.8
PASSENGERS BOARDED	91,566,185	88,798,446	3.1 %
SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)	2,202,822	2,000,285	10.1 %

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