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May 05, 2004

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: May 4, 2004

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. (Address of principal executive offices)	Fort Worth, Texas 76155 (Zip Code)
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(817) 963-1234  
(Registrant's telephone number)

Item 5. Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on May 4, 2004 as Exhibit 99.1, which is included herein. This press release was issued to report April traffic for American Airlines, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of

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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: May 5, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press Release

Exhibit 99.1

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FOR RELEASE: Tuesday, May 4, 2004

AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS APRIL TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas - American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, reported a record high April load factor of 74.9 percent - an increase of 4.4 points compared to last year. For the month, traffic increased 16.0 percent year over year, while capacity increased 9.1 percent.

International traffic recorded the strongest gains relative to last year with a March load factor improvement of 6.0 points to 73.0 percent. The higher load factor was achieved despite a 22.1 percent increase in capacity year over year. Traffic increases also outstripped capacity additions in domestic markets with a load factor of 75.8 percent - an improvement of 4.0 points compared to last year on a 4.1 percent capacity increase.

American boarded 7.7 million passengers in April.

Detailed traffic and capacity data are on the following pages:

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AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION  
COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY  
EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

	April		
	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	10,823,532	9,330,758	16.0 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	7,552,380	6,871,542	9.9
INTERNATIONAL	3,271,152	2,459,216	33.0
ATLANTIC	1,432,054	1,128,949	26.8
LATIN AMERICA	1,516,237	1,181,083	28.4
PACIFIC	322,861	149,184	116.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	14,433,489	13,230,469	9.1 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	9,956,353	9,563,705	4.1
INTERNATIONAL	4,477,136	3,666,764	22.1
ATLANTIC	1,756,867	1,494,667	17.5
LATIN AMERICA	2,272,522	1,863,317	22.0
PACIFIC	447,747	308,780	45.0
LOAD FACTOR			
SYSTEM	74.9 %	70.5 %	4.4 Pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	75.8	71.8	4.0
INTERNATIONAL	73.0	67.0	6.0
ATLANTIC	81.5	75.5	6.0
LATIN AMERICA	66.7	63.3	3.4
PACIFIC	72.1	48.3	23.8
PASSENGERS BOARDED	7,730,608	7,109,233	8.7 %
SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)	181,619	163,395	11.2 %

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COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY  
EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES

	YEAR-TO-DATE April		
	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	41,047,292	37,091,993	10.7 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	28,455,691	26,638,705	6.8

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INTERNATIONAL	12,591,601	10,453,288	20.5
ATLANTIC	4,992,690	4,308,297	15.9
LATIN AMERICA	6,359,480	5,229,091	21.6
PACIFIC	1,239,431	915,900	35.3
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)			
SYSTEM	56,946,388	53,398,785	6.6 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	39,436,924	38,314,989	2.9
INTERNATIONAL	17,509,464	15,083,796	16.1
ATLANTIC	6,550,642	6,003,585	9.1
LATIN AMERICA	9,336,796	7,664,550	21.8
PACIFIC	1,622,026	1,415,661	14.6
LOAD FACTOR			
SYSTEM	72.0 %	69.4 %	2.6 Pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	72.1	69.5	2.6
INTERNATIONAL	71.9	69.3	2.6
ATLANTIC	76.2	71.7	4.4
LATIN AMERICA	68.1	68.2	(0.1)
PACIFIC	76.4	64.6	11.7
PASSENGERS BOARDED	29,493,504	28,138,086	4.8 %
SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000)	700,959	651,809	7.5 %

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