



The Record Tricolor: Paolo Filippini Flies the World's Largest Italian Flag

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The city of Ferrara was the stage for an achievement that will remain in the history of **parachuting** and **Italian national pride**. **Colonel Paolo Filippini**, an officer of the **Folgore in retirement** and multiple world champion in parachuting, set a **new record** by jumping with the **largest Italian flag ever seen in flight**: a full **3,300 square meters**, equivalent to **73 meters in length** and **45.5 meters in width**, with a total weight of **130 kilograms**.

An **epic and highly symbolic moment**, with the **tricolor flag** waving in the sky above Ferrara to the notes of the **Inno di Mameli**, moving hundreds of spectators and representatives of **parachuting associations** from all over Italy. The first jump, performed with a **1,600 square meter flag**, served as a test. But it was the second jump, with the flag named "**Itala 3300**", that officially made history.



Colonel Filippini during the final checks before the jump with ITALIA 3300 - [Copyright photo ANPd'I](#)

Meticulous preparation for an unprecedented feat

The jump took place at the **Aeroclub of Ferrara**, chosen by Filippini himself for his long experience with the center and its ideal technical characteristics. Before takeoff, the Colonel conducted a series of **thorough checks** on the harness and the flag container, designed with a fabric capable of withstanding high-altitude turbulence.

At **18:20**, after the first test, the moment for the big jump finally arrived. On board the aircraft, Filippini had the bulky bag containing the flag loaded and ascended. A few minutes later, the hatch opened, and the Colonel jumped, opening the parachute and allowing the **enormous tricolor** to unfold in all its majesty.

The spectacle was accompanied by the voice of **Elena Fabbri**, a **carabiniere and singer from Ferrara**, who sang the **Inno d'Italia** as the flag waved in the clear afternoon air. The audience, with their eyes turned upwards, followed every moment of the event with anticipation, erupting in a **long applause** upon the perfectly executed landing.



Here we go! Filippini and ITALA 3300 on board the aircraft, moments before takeoff – [Copyright photo ANPd'I](#)

A message that flies high

The launch of the “**Itala**” flag was not just a technical demonstration, but a powerful **message of unity, identity, and love for the homeland**. In a historical period where symbols matter more than ever, the **tricolor** that soared over Ferrara represented the **courage, dedication, and passion of Italians**.

With this feat, **Paolo Filippini** confirmed himself not only as a **world-class athlete** but also as an **ambassador of the Italian spirit**.



A splendid image of ITALA 3300 at the moment of landing - [Copyright photo ANPd'I](#)

Important (and imposing) presence of the ANPd'I

In addition to the **civil and military authorities of Ferrara**, prominent figures from the **Associazione Nazionale Paracadutisti d'Italia (ANPd'I)** were present at the event: the **Secretary General Brigadier General (ret.) Enrico Pollini**, the **member of the National Technical Commission Giovanni Conforti**, the **President of the Ferrara Section Maurizio Grazzi** with his parachutists, and the **Sections of the 4th Regional Group**, which for the occasion held the **Zone consultation** with the **National Councilor Massimo Buratti**. Many **parachutists** and **citizens of Ferrara** also attended the event.

The **official speaker of the event** was **Lucio Fusco**, Technical Director of the ANPd'I Ferrara Section. The **ANPd'I** also proudly expressed its pride in counting **Paolo Filippini** among its ranks, as the **Director of the National Sports Parachuting Coordination Center**.



The massive presence of the ANPd'I, led by the Secretary General, Brigadier General (ret.) Enrico Pollini, added further prestige and significance to the event - [Copyright photo ANPd'I](#)

A true, documented, and recognized record

The feat of **Colonel Filippini** is not only spectacular but also **officially documented and verifiable**. The dimensions of the flag were measured by **specialized technicians**, and the entire event was filmed and photographed by professionals, with the participation of **civil and military authorities**.

This new milestone significantly surpasses the **previous record**, also held by Filippini, who in **2015** performed a jump with a **1,600 sqm flag**. Not only that: it also surpasses the **German record** of the **Demo Cypres** team, which in **2018** launched a flag of **2,607.21 sqm**, recognized by the **Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI)**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iC5fon1KxnQ>

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