GB Airways Orders Two Boeing 737-300s

Boeing Commercial Airline Group today confirmed an order by GB Airways for two Boeing 737-300s, valued at $82 million. They are the first new aircraft purchased by the U.K airline. Boeing is scheduled to deliver the airplanes in January and February 1998.

"We are delighted to be strengthening our long-standing links with Boeing through this order" said Joseph J. Gaggero, GB Airways chairman. "We are confident that these new aircraft will serve our airline most effectively into the millennium and beyond."

The dual-class configuration of the new airplanes will accommodate 114 passengers. They will replace two 737-200s and join a fleet of five Boeing 737-400s and three Boeing 737-200s.

"GB Airways has been very successful with its all-Boeing fleet, and the addition of these airplanes will further that success," said Ron Woodard, Boeing Commercial Airplane Group president. "We're pleased to have GB Airways continue its support of the 737 model by investing in these aircraft."

The airline flies routes for British Airways under a franchise agreement. All aircraft are painted with the British Airways livery, and cabin crew wear the standard British Airways uniform.

The current generation 737-300 is among the quietest and most fuel-efficient twin-jets in the world. It offers advanced structural materials, new corrosion inhibiting techniques, advanced digital avionics technology, improved aerodynamics, and high-bypass engines.

The Boeing 737 model is among the safest and most reliable in history; transporting more than 5.1 billion passengers -- equivalent to more than half the world's population -- during the course of its 30-year commercial service. It continues to lead the industry as the best-selling commercial jet of all time.

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