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Air Europa recently took delivery of its first three Next-Generation 737-800s, Boeing confirmed today. These airplanes are the first deliveries from Air Europa's 10-airplane order and are also the first Next-Generation 737s to begin service in Spain. Three more airplanes will deliver later this year with the remaining four delivering in 2000.

Air Europa - initially a charter carrier specializing in inclusive-tour services - began scheduled, domestic flights in November 1993 and recently increased its share of scheduled services within Europe. The carrier operates an all-Boeing fleet: 12 737-300s, seven 737-400s, six 757-200s, two 767-200ERs (extended range) and two 767-300ERs.

The Next-Generation 737 family (the 737-600/-700/-800/-900) features enhancements such as a redesigned passenger cabin and a flight deck with the most versatile display system offered on any commercial jetliner. Wing and engine improvements increase operating performance while reducing noise and emissions. The Next-Generation 737 family delivers more value to airlines in the form of reliability, simplicity, and reduced operating and maintenance costs. With its excellent range, the 737-800 can operate on all of Air Europa's current routes in Europe, the longest being from Scandinavia to the Canary Islands.

With more than 4,250 total orders and more than 3,330 deliveries, the Boeing 737 is the best-selling commercial jetliner of all time. More than 800 737s are in the air at any time, with one taking off every six seconds.

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