Boeing Delivers SunExpress' First Next-Generation 737-800

SunExpress Aviation Inc., accepted delivery of its first Boeing Next-Generation 737-800 from GE Capital Corporation, The Boeing Company confirmed today. This airplane is the first of four Next-Generation 737-800s SunExpress is leasing from GE Capital Corporation. The remaining three are scheduled for delivery later this year.

SunExpress - a charter carrier based in Antalya, Turkey - began operation in spring 1990, with a 737-300. The carrier currently operates an all-Boeing fleet of three 737-300s and two 737-400s.

"We are pleased to be joining the Boeing Next-Generation 737-800 family of operators," said Captain Florian Hamm, managing director - SunExpress. "We are looking forward to operating the new Boeing 737-800 on our route network between Turkey and major tour destinations in Europe."

The 737-800 provides great reliability, excellent comfort, and slightly higher capacity than any other airliner in its class, presenting the opportunity to achieve better value for customers, Hamm added.

"Boeing is proud to be a part of SunExpress' continued success and growing reputation as one of the best carriers in Turkey," said Doug Groseclose, Boeing Commercial Airplanes Group vice president - International Sales. "Our new 737s were developed to provide maximum value for operators like SunExpress. They retain all the benefits of our current 737 models while delivering more range and even better operating economics."

The Next-Generation 737 airplanes entered service in 1998 and have a new, more aerodynamically efficient wing, a new cockpit, and a completely new and more spacious interior. The Next-Generation 737 family set an industry record for fastest order-growth for a new airplane, with 1,360 orders booked as of the end of 1999.

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