Boeing Delivers Continental's First 767-400ER

Boeing today delivered the first of 26 767-400ER(extended range) airplanes on order with Continental Airlines. The first airplane to be certified in the 21st century, the new 767 derivative is part of a major fleet modernization plan currently under way at Continental. Three more will be delivered this year, with the balance scheduled for delivery between 2001 and 2005. Continental is using the 767-400ER to replace retiring DC-10s on routes to Europe and Latin America.

"The all-new 767-400ER will greatly enhance the comfort and efficiency of our long-range fleet," said Gordon Bethune, chairman and chief executive officer of Continental Airlines. "Our customers will enjoy a new space-age cabin with every amenity."

The newest member of the 767 family is a 21-foot (6.43 m) stretch of one of the world's most popular jetliners, the 767-300ER. The Boeing 767-400ER boasts a new-look interior that received wide customer and passenger acclaim during the recent world tour of the 767-400ER, and a new "all-glass" flight deck. The 767-400ER has increased passenger capacity, enabling airlines to transport more customers within existing routes and thereby ease air traffic congestion.

Sized between the 767-300ER and the 777-200, the 767-400ER also features aerodynamic improvements, including innovative new raked wing tips, increased takeoff-weight capability, improved electrical and air-conditioning systems and an all-new main landing gear.

"We're pleased that Continental is expanding its fleet with the newest 767," said Seddik Belyamani, executive vice president - Sales & Marketing, Boeing Commercial Airplanes Group. "The 767-400ER is solid evidence that we're committed to maintaining market leadership through ongoing quality improvements and enhanced features."

Continental's 767-400ER configuration seats 235 passengers in two classes: 35 in BusinessFirst and 200 in coach. The two-class seating configuration, consisting of 2-1-2 in BusinessFirst and 2-3-2 in coach, is designed to give nearly all passengers a window or aisle seat. The 767-400ER can fly up to 6,200 statue miles nonstop, making it an ideal replacement for the similarly sized DC-10s it will replace.

The Boeing 767-400ER has the same pilot type rating as the 767-200, 767-300, and a common rating with the 757-200 and 757-300 airplanes. Pilots qualified to fly these airplanes are now qualified - with minimal instruction - to fly the Boeing 767-400ER. Airlines that operate both jetliners have greater flexibility in assigning flight crews and adapting to changing markets.

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