Boeing Delivers First Next-Generation 737-700 to Lauda Air

Boeing has delivered Lauda Air's first Boeing Next Generation 737-700. The airplane will be the first Boeing 737-700 to operate out of Austria.

Vienna-based Lauda Air, which has ordered eight Next-Generation 737s, will use the airplane for scheduled service in Europe and on charter routes to Greece, Spain and Turkey. The carrier already has Next-Generation 737-600s and 737-800s in its fleet.

"We are very pleased with the reliability and performance of the Next-Generation 737," said Ferdinand Schmidt, Lauda Air chief executive officer. "The 737-700 is the ideal airplane for Lauda to use in transporting business travelers throughout Europe."

The airline also operates several other Boeing models, including 767-300ERs, its flagship 777-200ERs, 737-400s and 737-300s.

The Boeing 737-700 can fly up to 3,260 nautical miles (6,037 kilometers), the farthest of the three Next-Generation 737 models. It offers the highest dispatch reliability and lowest operating costs in its class and features an all-new, spacious 777-style interior. It also has the most advanced-design technology in the single-aisle market, with such features as an all-new wing and updated liquid-crystal displays in the flight deck.

Building a quieter, more fuel-efficient airplane was a top priority for Boeing engineers designing the 737-700 and other members of the Next-Generation 737 family. The new, advanced-technology wing design on the models helps improve fuel efficiency. The model's new CFM56-7 engines produced by CFMI, a joint venture of General Electric Co. of the United States and Snecma of France, meet community noise restrictions well below current Stage 3 limits and below expected Stage 4 limits. Emissions also are reduced beyond required standards.

Lauda Air started operating in 1985, when it ordered its first Boeing airplane, a 737-300.

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