KLM's First Boeing 737-900 - All Dressed Up And Ready To Go

The first Boeing 737-900 to be operated by a European carrier is seen here rolling out of the paint hangar in Seattle, approximately three weeks before delivery to its proud owner, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. The 737-900 is the newest and the longest of the Next-Generation 737s and is designed to accommodate up to 18 more passengers than the 737-800. KLM will operate its 737-900s with a 178-seat dual-class interior, featuring a five-abreast business class. They will receive three more by autumn of this year and will fly them on high-density European routes. One of the airplane's great advantages is its commonality with KLM's existing 737-300/-400/-800 fleet, allowing operational flexibility while keeping costs low.

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