50 And Counting... Northwest Airlines Takes Its 50th 757-200

Northwest Airlines took delivery of its 50th new Boeing 757-200 on July 2, 2001. Additional 757-200s are scheduled for delivery to Northwest later this year and in early 2002. The fuel efficient, quiet 757 has been a part of Northwest's fleet since 1985. "We are proud that the 757 has contributed to the success of Northwest Airlines," said Pat Shanahan, vice president and general manager, Boeing 757 Program. "All of us working on the 757 look forward to our continuing partnership with Northwest, and to helping them provide the type of service passengers prefer." Northwest is a solid customer for the 757. In January, the airline ordered 18 new Boeing 757-300s to complement its fleet of 757-200s and as a replacement for its fleet of DC10-40s. Delivery of the sleek, efficient 757-300s will begin in mid-2002 and will be used to serve domestic routes that demand additional capacity. The 757-300 carries approximately 20 percent more passengers than the 757-200. Northwest will configure its new 757-300s with 223 seats in two classes. Also, the commonality between the two 757 models will allow Northwest to easily transition the new, longer airplanes into its fleet, and result in substantial savings in training and maintenance.

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