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Hainan Airlines celebrated the New Year by accepting delivery of its first three Boeing 737-800s with performance-enhancing blended winglets. Hainan is the first Asian airline to operate the 737-800 with winglets that reduce drag and boost fuel efficiency.

Hainan Airlines, based in Haikou, China, continues to evolve as a leading carrier with a strong commitment to excellence, providing reliable service in China and other Asian cities. Since its formation in 1993 with two airplanes, Hainan Airlines now operates a fleet of more than 70 airplanes and flies to more than 60 cities in China and Asia.

Including the new airplanes, Hainan operates 10 737-800s, seven 737-400s and five 737-300s

The blended winglet technology for the Boeing 737-800 was designed and developed by Aviation Partners Inc. in cooperation with The Boeing Company. The retrofitted blended winglets on the 737-800 curve out and up from the wingtip, reducing aerodynamic drag and boosting performance. The blended winglets potentially improve fuel efficiency (3.5 to 4 percent reduced fuel burn on missions greater than 1,000 nautical miles), increase range and improve takeoff performance and obstacle clearance. The winglets also reduce noise near airports and lower engine-maintenance costs.

The new 737s feature the latest in comfort and technology available in the market. The 737-800 can fly up to 2,905 nautical miles (5,380 kilometers) in a one-class configuration and features an all-new, spacious Boeing 777-style interior.

The new 737 (737-600/ -700/ -800/ -900) is the most recently designed and most technologically advanced family in the single-aisle market. With the lowest operating costs in its class, the 737 offers exceptional flexibility in size, mission, superior reliability and maintainability.

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