Turkish Airlines Adds Two More 737-800s to Its Fleet

The Boeing Company today congratulated Turkish Airlines (THY) on taking delivery of two new 737-800s. The airplanes complete an order for 26 new 737s placed in 1997. THY will use the 737s on its short- and medium-range routes to destinations throughout Europe.

"The 737's economics, the ease of its integration with our fleet of Classic 737s and its advanced technology were the key to our selection," said Yusuf Bolayirli, president and chief executive officer -- Turkish Airlines. "The capability of the 737-800 will continue to increase our flexibility to improve service and frequency over a wide range of destinations."

THY will use the new 737s to operate its domestic and international routes to the Middle East, Central Asia and other medium-range markets.

"Being able to offer a product that provides exceptional reliability, reduced operating and maintenance costs is a great benefit for Turkish Airlines," said Doug Groseclose, senior vice president of International Sales -- Commercial Airplanes.

All new models of the Next-Generation 737 family (737-600/ -700/ -800/ -900) feature exceptional flexibility in size and mission as well as superior reliability and maintainability. The Next-Generation models provide passengers with all-new, more spacious interiors with more accessible overhead luggage bins.

The airplanes are the most technologically advanced family in the single-aisle market. They are designed to fly higher, faster, farther, quieter and with greater fuel efficiency than other competing models.

The 737 is the best-selling commercial jetliner in history. To date, more than 4,000 737s have been delivered to more than 200 customers around the world.

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