Boeing Selects Bridgestone as 7E7 Tires Partner

Boeing [NYSE: BA] is adding Bridgestone to its 7E7 Dreamliner global partner team as the all-new airplane's tire supplier.

Each 7E7 will have 10 tires, two for the nose landing gear and four tires on each of the main landing gear. The 7E7's radial tires feature a new belt structure based on a high-elasticity, high strength cord that is weight efficient and wear resistant.

"Every 7E7 will be delivered with Bridgestone tires," said Mike Bair, vice president and general manager of the 7E7 program. "Bridgestone has proven itself as a wonderful partner through its work with us on many other programs and we are pleased to have them join us on the newest Boeing airplane."

Bridgestone tires are also delivered on the Boeing 737, 747-400, 767 and 777 airplanes. While all 7E7s will be delivered with Bridgestone tires, Boeing expects to certify a second supplier so airlines have a choice when replacing the airplane's tires.

"Boeing's selection of our radial tires for the Dreamliner family is a tremendous honor," said Shoshi Arakawa, Bridgestone's senior vice president of overseas operations. "We are delighted to contribute to yet another family of Boeing airliners."

More Information

7E7 Dreamliner

Launched in April 2004, the fuel-efficient 7E7 is a family of three airplanes designed to serve routes between 3,500 and 8,500 nautical miles (6,500 and 15,700 kilometers). The Dreamliner will provide passengers with a better flying experience, including an improved cabin environment with more room and more conveniences.

Bridgestone

Bridgestone Corporation is the world's largest manufacturer of tires and other rubber products. Tires account for 80 percent of Bridgestone Group sales worldwide. The company also manufactures industrial rubber and chemical products, sporting goods, and other diversified products. It sells its tires and other products in more than 150 nations.

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