Boeing 777-300ER Celebrates One Year Serving World's Airlines and Passengers

The Boeing [NYSE:BA] 777-300ER (Extended Range) passenger airplane today marked one year in revenue service, during which it reinforced the 777's unsurpassed record of reliability and efficiency.

The technologically advanced 777-300ER flew more than 32,000 hours during its first year, amassing a 99.2 percent average schedule reliability rate that surpasses previous 777 model introductions and is in line with the 99.3 percent overall rate for the 777 family.

Air France is currently the largest 777-300ER operator and was the first to put the airplane into service one year ago.

"The 777-300ER has met our ambitious requirements in delivering expected performance, reliability and efficiency," said Pierre Vellay, Air France senior vice president, new aircraft and corporate fleet planning. "It has proven itself as a passenger-pleasing moneymaker."

The largest long-range twin-engine jetliner, the 777-300ER carries 365 passengers up to 7,880 nautical miles (14,594 kilometers). To date, 17 have been delivered to Air France, ANA, Japan Airlines, and Emirates and Boeing has received 108 orders for the 777-300ER from eleven customers, not including recently announced commitments from Air Canada and Air India.

"Dispatch reliability and fuel efficiency are critical to an airline's success in long-range markets," said Lars Andersen, vice president-program manager, 777 Program, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "In service, the 777-300ER has demonstrated best-in-class reliability and unmatched efficiency."

The 777-300ER carries the world's most powerful commercial jet engine, GE's [NYSE:GE] GE90-115B. In service, the GE90-115B engines have experienced no unscheduled engine removals and no in-flight shutdowns -- a remarkable achievement for an entry into service of a new jet engine.

"This is arguably GE's best ever entry into service of a new commercial jet engine," said Chaker Chahrour, general manager of GE's GE90 Engine Program. "The engine reliability has been outstanding, and our fuel burn is better than predicted, which contributes to the excellent economics of the aircraft. Our customers are truly delighted with the engine performance."

The Boeing 777 family continues evolving with the recent addition of the world's longest range airliner, the 777-200LR Worldliner, and the 777 Freighter. More than 35 airlines have placed orders for 681 777s, making it the most preferred airplane in its class.

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