Boeing Adds Michelin to 787 Dreamliner Partner Team

Boeing [NYSE:BA] said today that Michelin will be the second source for aftermarket nose and main tires for the all-new Boeing 787 Dreamliner passenger airplane.

Michelin will offer a combination of traditional radial construction tires and new lightweight Near Zero Growth (NZG) construction tires. NZG construction offers increased resistance to cuts and wear. The 787 will have 10 tires; two for the nose landing gear and eight for the main landing gear.

"With innovative tire technologies and proven performance on other Boeing programs, Michelin is a great addition to our partner team," said Boeing 787 Vice President and General Manager Mike Bair.

"Like Michelin, Boeing is applying cutting-edge innovation to improve mobility," said Bob Carroll, international vice president of Marketing and Sales for Michelin Aircraft Tires. "Our radial tire and NZG technology is a great fit for the new 787 Dreamliner and we're proud to be a part of such an important aviation advancement."

Michelin tires are delivered on Boeing 737NG and 747-400ER airplanes. Michelin offers approved tires for all current Boeing airplane models.

Additional Information

Boeing 787 Dreamliner

The 787 is a family of three super-efficient airplanes that will provide passengers with a better flying experience. The 787-8 Dreamliner will carry 223 passengers in three classes of seating with a range of up to 8,500 nautical miles (15,700 kilometers). The 787-3 will carry 296 passengers in two-class seating on ranges up to 3,500 nautical miles (6,500 kilometers). The 787-9, a longer version of the 787-8, will carry 259 passengers in three classes with a range of 8,300 nautical miles (15,400 kilometers).

Michelin

The world's largest tire maker, Michelin, manufactures and sells tires for every type of vehicle, including airplanes, automobiles, bicycles, earthmovers, farm equipment, heavy-duty trucks, motorcycles and the space shuttle. The company also publishes travel guides, maps and atlases covering Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. Headquartered in Greenville, S.C., Michelin North America employs 23,220 and operates 21 plants in 17 locations.

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