

Boeing 737 MAX Makes First International Journey for Flight Testing

Test validates airplane's high altitude capabilities

LA PAZ, May 2, 2016 – The Boeing (NYSE: BA) 737 MAX 8 has marked a key achievement after completing high altitude flight testing in La Paz, Bolivia. It's the first international trip for the 737 MAX flight-test fleet.

The airport's 13,300-foot (4,050-meter) altitude tested the MAX's capability to take off and land at high altitudes, which can affect overall airplane performance.

"The engines and other systems performed well, as expected, under extreme conditions. That's exactly what we wanted to see," said Keith Leverkus, vice president and general manager of the 737 MAX program, Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

Flight testing for the 737 MAX is on schedule with three test airplanes having completed more than 100 flights combined. The fourth and final test airplane will make its first flight in the coming weeks. The program remains on track for first delivery in the third quarter of 2017.

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