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SAS to order three more Boeing next-generation 737s

SAS has ordered three additional Boeing Next-Generation 737 jetliners. SAS exercised options for three Next-Generation 737-600s, but has substitution rights which would allow it to get larger 737-700s or 737-800s instead. The three airplanes are scheduled for delivery in 2002.

“These Boeing 737s provide us an economical, environmentally-friendly alternative to the older-model airplanes they will replace in our fleet,” said Kurt Kuhne, Vice President, Fleet Development, SAS.

The Next-Generations 737s, which are the backbone of the SAS short-haul fleet, replace McDonnell Douglas DC-9s, MD-80s and Fokker F-28s. SAS, which already has ordered 55 Next-Generation 737-600s, 737-700s and 737-800s, uses the advanced-technology airplanes on domestic Norway and Sweden routes, and on routes to destinations throughout Europe.

SAS was the first customer in the world to buy the Next-Generation 737-600. SAS helped Boeing launch the model with an order for 42 airplanes in March 1995.

The Next-Generation 737s feature a new wing design that helps improve fuel efficiency, new engines that meet current and projected emissions and community noise standards, and an all-new Boeing 777-style interior.

With more than 1,745 orders already on the books since program launch in 1993, the Boeing Next-Generation 737 is the fastest-selling new jetliner in history.

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