



DELTA NEWS

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Airline's announcement increases
to 519 the aircraft on order and option.

**DELTA WILL BE FIRST TO FLY THE NEW MD-90 AIRCRAFT;
ORDERS ADDITIONAL BOEING 737s**

ATLANTA, GA, November 14, 1989 -- Ronald W. Allen, Delta Air Lines' Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, today announced plans to place orders and options for 160 of the new McDonnell Douglas MD-90 aircraft and for 100 of the popular Boeing 737-300 aircraft. These 260 aircraft, which when spare engines and parts are included, represent a potential investment of over \$10 billion. Delta had previously announced orders and options for another 259 airplanes representing an investment of \$13 billion.

Delta's present-day fleet of more than 400 aircraft is the youngest of the major U.S. airlines, with an average age of 8.4 years. "These orders and options for new aircraft," remarked Delta's Allen, "highlight our plans for international and domestic growth, and reconfirm our policy of operating the most modern fleet of aircraft available."

Delta's selection of the new MD-90 makes the airline the launch customer for what is the latest in McDonnell Douglas' highly successful MD series of aircraft. The airline has orders for fifty

MD-90s, with options for another 110. Sixty of the options represent conversions of MD-88 series options the airline had previously announced. Deliveries of the new MD-90s will begin in late 1994. Delta also placed orders for 50 Boeing 737s, with options for another 50. Delta already operates one of the largest Boeing fleets in the world, which includes 727s, 737s, 757s, and 767s. The Boeing aircraft are scheduled for delivery beginning in early 1993.

The airline's MD-90s will be powered by International Aero Engines' V2500 series engines. In Delta's configuration the MD-90 will seat 150 passengers. The Boeing 737-300s ordered by Delta will seat 120 passengers, and are powered by CFM International's CFM56-3 series engines. Both engines are highly fuel efficient and meet the quieter Stage III engine noise reduction standards.

Including today's announcement Delta now has the following aircraft on order and option:

Aircraft	Orders	Options	Total
MD-11	9	31	40
MD-88	37	67	104
MD-90	50	110	160
737-300	50	50	100
757-200	19	59	78
767-300	8	4	12
767-300ER	9	16	25
Totals	182	337	519

Delta said the 519 new planes on order and option will be used for expansion and as replacements for older aircraft in its fleet.

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