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Michelin awarded Boeing 737 MAX 7 & 8 Original Equipment tire supply contract

Michelin has been selected as an original equipment tire supplier for the Boeing 737 MAX, the new version of the world's top selling commercial airplane. Michelin will equip the 737 MAX 7 and 737 MAX 8 with its industry leading radial aircraft tires with NZG (Near Zero Growth) technology.

Boeing Commercial Airplanes confirmed the selection of Michelin as the production tire supplier for the two 737 MAX family members, which will be equipped with new engines and other enhancements. The 737 MAX 8 is scheduled to enter service in 2017 and the 737 MAX 7 will follow in 2019.

Under this contract, Michelin will develop and certify its latest generation radial tires with NZG technology for exclusive supply to 737 MAX final assembly. The tires will also be certified for sale to airline operators in the aftermarket. Current combined orders for the 737 MAX 7 and 8 stand at more than 1,300 airplanes.

"Michelin is very proud to have been selected by Boeing for its future generation of the 737 family," said Bob Pointon, Michelin Aircraft Tire Company's Director of Original Equipment.

"Michelin is committed to innovation and to creating cost saving solutions for its customers. Our radial tires with NZG technology are designed to provide long, durable tire life and to reduce customer TCO (Total Cost of Ownership)."

Proven in service, the NZG radial technology promises the following competitive advantages to operators of the Boeing 737 MAX 7 and 8:

- Up to 50% more FOD (Foreign Object Damage) resistance through NZG patented technology.
- More than 20% reduction in weight compared with a Bias cross-ply tire, which translates into significant fuel savings for airlines.
- Up to a 100% increase in the number of landings compared with a Bias cross-ply tire which means less maintenance downtime for aircraft operators.

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