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MICHELIN CHOSEN BY AIR PREMIA AS THE EXCLUSIVE TIRE SUPPLIER FOR ITS ENTIRE FLEET

Air Premia has chosen Michelin as the exclusive tire supplier for its entire Boeing 787-9 fleet.

From its base at Seoul Incheon Airport in South Korea, Air Premia will soon start operating regional flights in Asia to Hanoi (Vietnam) and Tokyo (Japan), with plans to fly intercontinental routes in the coming years. By 2024, Air Premia aims to have a fleet of 10 Boeing 787-9 aircraft fitted exclusively with Michelin tires. The Air Premia-operated Boeing 787-9 will be fitted with Michelin Air X tires featuring patented Near Zero Growth (NZG) technology.

NZG technology was initially developed for Concorde, a supersonic jet, to meet its stringent operating and safety requirements. Aircraft tires operate at very high inflation pressures (20 bar) compared to other tires (2.5 bar for car tires), in order to bear the full weight of the aircraft. At the high speeds required for take-off and landing, an aircraft tire can grow due to the effect of centrifugal force. By minimizing tire diameter growth, NZG technology makes the tires more durable and highly resistant to damage by foreign objects.

The combination of Michelin Air X tires and NZG technology helps reduce overall operating costs compared to standard radial tires. This is achieved by delivering a higher number of landings (up to 30% more), improved fuel efficiency and exceptional damage resistance. NZG technology also increases tire robustness and reduces fuel consumption, which in turn lowers CO2 emissions.

“We are extremely honored that Air Premia has chosen Michelin as its trusted partner to equip its entire Boeing 787-9 fleet. The MICHELIN® AIR X is particularly well suited to new-generation aircraft. It guarantees a very high level of safety in extreme conditions, a large number of landings and major fuel savings, which is helping to make the world more sustainable,” said Wirat Tansuwannond, Sales & Marketing Director for Michelin in Asia Pacific (excluding China)



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About Michelin

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