

# Orders for Boeing 737 MAX start to flow

Boeing is reportedly close to clinching a multibillion-dollar deal with Southwest Airlines for its 737 MAX. Southwest is the 15th operator worldwide to return the 737 MAX to active passenger service

**2019:** Global MAX fleet peaks at 360 aircraft in service

**2019-21:** Nearly 800 orders for 737 MAX are cancelled

**China:** Represents quarter of all MAX sales

*Boeing 737 Max*

## Airlines operating 737 MAX

**Aeromexico**, Mexico  
**Air Canada**, Canada  
**Alaska Airlines**, U.S.  
**American Airlines**, U.S.  
**Cayman Airways**, Cayman Islands

**Copa Airlines**, Panama  
**Gol Linhas Aereas**, Brazil  
**Icelandair**, Iceland  
**SCAT**, Kazakhstan  
**Smartwings**, Czechia

**Southwest Airlines**, U.S.  
**Sunwing Airlines**, Canada  
**TUI**, Europe  
**United**, U.S.  
**WestJet**, Canada

■ **Mar 2019:** Boeing 737 MAX is grounded after crashes of **Lion Air Flight 610** and **Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302** kill 346 people

■ **Jan 7, 2021:** Boeing agrees to pay **\$2.5 billion** to resolve criminal charge of conspiracy to defraud FAA over evaluation of 737 MAX



■ **Dec 23:** Boeing fires CEO **Dennis Muilenburg** (left). **David Calhoun** (right) takes over from January

■ **Jan 27:** Calhoun reports record **\$11.9 billion** loss and debt of **\$64bn** in 2020

■ **Nov 18, 2020:** U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) clears 737 Max to fly again

■ **Feb:** Boeing sells 82 aircraft, including 25 737 MAX jets, and logs 51 cancellations – first time since November 2019 that monthly sales outpace scrapped orders

■ **Dec 3:** **Ryanair** signs purchase agreement for 75 MAX jets

■ **Mar 12:** Boeing unveils deal to sell 24 of its 737 MAX-8 model, with option to purchase further 60, to private equity firm **777 Partners**. Shares rise 6.2% to \$267.86

■ **Dec 22:** **Alaska Airlines** inks deal to buy 23 MAX-9 jets

■ **Mar 17:** Southwest Airlines' pending order is reported to be for 130 737 MAX-7 planes with option on 170 additional aircraft