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First Airline in the World  
to Operate Scheduled MD-11 Service

DELTA INAUGURATES MCDONNELL DOUGLAS MD-11 SERVICE

ATLANTA, GA, February 5, 1991 -- Delta Air Lines is the first airline in the world to operate America's newest jet, the McDonnell Douglas international-range MD-11, in scheduled service. Delta took delivery of two MD-11s in December 1990. Today, the two aircraft were introduced to the traveling public with inaugural flights from Atlanta to Dallas/Ft. Worth continuing to Orlando and Los Angeles.

In 1988, Delta became the first U.S. passenger carrier to order the MD-11. Redefining passenger comfort and interior spaciousness, the MD-11 aircraft features the most modern in aerodynamics, propulsion, aircraft systems, cockpit avionics and cabin design available.

Delta already operates the most modern fleet of the nation's major airlines and will introduce the international traveler to MD-11 service tomorrow, February 6, on the inauguration of Delta's new flight from Orlando via Los Angeles to Tokyo. The Los Angeles to Tokyo service marks the airline's first nonstop service to Asia from Los Angeles, Delta's new transpacific gateway.

"This is an aircraft we at Delta have eagerly awaited," said Ronald W. Allen, Delta's chairman, president and chief executive officer. "It is the world's most technologically advanced passenger airplane and brings new standards of convenience and comfort to the international traveler. As an additional 42 of these state-of-the-art aircraft are delivered to us throughout the decade, the MD-11 will become the flagship of the Delta fleet."

The MD-11 carries 314 passengers, with accommodations for 12 in first class, 52 in business class and 250 in economy. With its long range, the aircraft also will be well-suited for Delta's Los Angeles to Hong Kong service scheduled to begin in May. While Delta will use the MD-11 initially on its Pacific routes, the airline plans to add the aircraft in transatlantic service in the future.

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