

28% Increase in Landing Performance

Southwest utilizes new technology of Goodyear Flight Radials

Southwest Airlines' 737-700 fleet of 133 utilizes the new technology of the Goodyear Flight Radials. Once placed into service on the nose landing gear, the performance results were outstanding. A substantial increase of 28 percent in the number of landings per tread resulted over previous bias tire performance. The increase in landing performance has been beneficial for several reasons.

According to Jim Sokol, Southwest Airlines Vice President, Maintenance and Engineering, "The corresponding increase in tire performance and greater time between nose tire replacements has decreased Southwest Airline's related costs." The Boeing 737 is the most commonly operated commercial aircraft in the world and Southwest Airlines has the largest fleet of any individual operator.

