

Vueling partners with WheelTug to introduce a device that will allow its aircraft to move on the ground without using the engines, reducing CO₂ emissions and noise

- **Vueling becomes the first low-cost airline in Europe to formalise this partnership with WheelTug.**
- **The innovative WheelTug system allows aircraft to taxi with the propulsion of an electric motor, avoiding starting the engines as they currently do, and reducing the reliance on traditional push-back tractors.**
- **This collaboration is part of the company's commitment to sustainability, bringing innovative solutions to the future of aviation.**

London, 22 February, 2023 – Vueling, part of IAG, has confirmed its partnership with WheelTug, the company which created the system of the same name that allows aircraft to taxi without using its engines and reduces the need for traditional push-back tractors with its electric propulsion system. The installation of these state-of-the-art devices on Vueling's aircraft will reduce both fuel consumption and noise emissions, in line with the company's sustainability strategy.

Oliver Iffert, Chief Operations Officer of Vueling, says:

"Vueling's commitment to sustainability is resounding and, as part of IAG, we are committed to achieving net-zero CO₂ emissions by 2050. Partnerships such as this one with WheelTug are fully aligned with our work to optimise the efficiency of our operations and allow us to continue to move towards our objectives both in the short and long term".

On a technical level, the WheelTug system consists of an electric motor attached to the nose wheel and powered by the auxiliary power unit. The device, which reduces dependence on push-back tractors, will allow a faster resumption of the operations after events such as adverse weather conditions, and will speed up the movement of aircraft within bases, improving the predictability of ground operations.

Vueling and WheelTug aim to work together to introduce the device, which will contribute to accomplishing the airline's sustainability goals.



About Vueling

Vueling, part of IAG, is one of the main low-cost airlines in Europe and a key player in connections with Spain. In addition, Vueling is also a leading brand at the Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport, and in other important markets such as the city of Bilbao as well as the market between the mainland and the Balearic and Canary Islands.

Vueling reinforces its commitment with international growth, investing continuously in several bases such as London Gatwick, Paris Orly, Amsterdam, Florence and Rome.

For the winter season, the company has a network of more than 245 short and medium haul routes in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, operating with a total fleet of 125 Airbus A319, A320, A320neo and A321 aircraft.

In terms of sustainability, the company's commitment to the environment is paramount. IAG, the airline's parent company, has committed to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 through the implementation of the *FlightPath Net Zero* programme, and to operate 10% of its flights with sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) by 2030.

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