

Siemens delivers additional regional trains to ÖBB

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Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) has ordered an additional 24 Desiro ML regional trains from Siemens, bringing the total number of ordered trains to 189.

Delivery of the new trains, which will operate under the name "Cityjet," is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2020.

The three-car electric trainsets will be used as regional trains (S-Bahn) in eastern Austria. The trains will be produced at the Siemens Mobility plants in Krefeld, Germany, and Graz, Austria, and final assembly will take place at ÖBB's Technical Services factory in Jedlersdorf, Austria.

"The Cityjet guarantees a comfortable travel experience throughout Austria. The train's flexibility offers a wide range of applications. The Desiro ML can, for example, be converted to battery-hybrid technology and therefore also be used in the future on non-electrified rail lines," said Sabrina Soussan, CEO of Siemens Mobility.

The picture shows ka Desiro ML regional trains.

The train's variable, lowfloor seating landscape and generously designed entry and transition space offer attractive passenger comfort and convenience as well as about 22 percent more seats compared to the trains currently in service. Each seat is equipped with a reading lamp, electrical outlet and fold-out laptop table. The seats have adjustable seating surfaces, ergonomic headrests and armrests. The train is 75 meters long, has a top speed of 160 km/h and more powerful acceleration.

Regarding accessibility, the train sets new standards with its wide doors and entry areas, open and guiet transition spaces and stronger contrasting colors for the visually impaired. Comfortable low-floor doorways provide easy access without ramps at all 550-millimeter station platforms even for wheelchair users and passengers with baby carriages or bicycles. At lower station platforms in the region, sliding steps and a lift are provided on each side of the train. The S-Bahn trains have six doors on each side.