

Zeppelins To Make A Comeback



There is a new generation of Zeppelin. They are made to carry cargo. They will carry the cargo inside their hulls.

The first fleet of 22 airships will operate in Europe. They are expected to be ready in 2016.

Zeppelins were first made in Germany. Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin designed them. But this new version of Zeppelin is made in California, USA.

The new Zeppelins are 954 feet long (288 meters), and they will be able to carry 65 tons. (59,000 kg) That's about 17 family cars!

They are big and strong and can go 140 mph (225 kmh). They have a range of 3,100 nautical miles. So they can fly from America to Europe in one go.

Experts think Zeppelins will be great cargo carriers. They use 1/3 of the fuel a jet uses. They are much cheaper than a jet and a lot faster than a ship.

They can go where airplanes can't. Airplanes need an airstrip. With Zeppelins, airstrip aren't necessary. They can take off and land vertically - just like a helicopter. So, they can deliver their cargo almost anywhere.

Do you think the new Zeppelins look cool?

Would you like to see a Zeppelin flying over your city?