

Press Release

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REFURBISHMENT OF CLASS 170 TURBOSTAR TRAINS BEGINS

CrossCountry has begun the refurbishment of its 29 Class 170 two and three-car Turbostar trains with entry into service today, Wednesday 30 January, of the first two-car set in the company's striking and distinctive new livery.

The warm black front ends, red doors and bold logo branding will make the trains easily recognisable to customers at stations on the routes between Cardiff and Nottingham and Birmingham New Street and Stansted Airport. Exterior repainting, due as part of scheduled overhaul, is being carried out at the EWS Toton Depot, near Nottingham and Marcroft Depot, Stoke-on-Trent, and will be completed by December this year.

Interior refurbishment to provide bright and fresh accommodation with more seats and luggage space will begin in April at Transys Projects Ltd's depot in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. Seats will be re-trimmed, new carpets fitted and at-seat power points installed in the two-plus-one seating of the First Class accommodation on every train.

To avoid train shortages while they are being refurbished the work is being phased to coincide with scheduled maintenance, so some coaches will be in service temporarily with reworked exteriors or interiors only until the programme is completed.

CrossCountry Managing Director Andy Cooper said: "Our Class 170 trains, which serve some of our busiest routes through Birmingham, are being refurbished to a standard of the highest quality. They will make a significant contribution to our commitment to provide up to 35 percent more seating and additional luggage space across our network."

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Notes to editors

Class 170 Turbostar trains provide CrossCountry services between Cardiff Central, Gloucester, Birmingham New Street, Derby and Nottingham and between Birmingham New Street, Leicester, Peterborough, Cambridge and Stansted Airport.

EWS is the dedicated rail freight operator in Britain and mainland Europe and provider of intermodal and logistics services to the rail industry. Through its subsidiary Axiom Rail it provides maintenance and refurbishment services for rail rolling stock.

Transys Projects Ltd is an independent engineering consultancy and turnkey solution provider. One of its specialist services is rail vehicle enhancement and improvement.

CrossCountry started operating on 11 November 2007. The franchise, which is the most extensive in the UK, will run until 31 March 2016. For further information on CrossCountry services and future franchise plans log on to www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk

CrossCountry facts and figures

STATIONS SERVED: 124

ROUTE MILES: 1,654

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 279

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,800

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: Penzance to Dundee (701 miles)

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