

Press Release

Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik GmbH & Co KG has sold a Zeppelin NT to the Japanese airship operator Nippon Airship Corporation (NAC).

The contract was signed today (3/02/04) at Friedrichshafen by Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik's Dr. Bernd Straeter and Guenter Schwenk, as well as NAC's president Hiroyuki Wantanabe. A sale price was not named. Following Zeppelin NT's first flight six years ago, this was the first sale of a Zeppelin NT. The new owner is going to put the airship principally into sightseeing and advertising flight service. What the Japanese investors for the short term are also keeping their eyes on is the [2005 World's Fair in Aichi, Japan](#). By the middle of this year, the Zeppelin NT is supposed to commence its 12,000 km (7,500 mile) journey to Japan - in the air, naturally.

The "Bodensee" is the Zeppelin NT sold. She will make the journey to Japan via LZ127's historic route probably by June this year. Until that time, the media reported, the "Bodensee", one of two commercially operating Zeppelin NTs will remain in service by its owner/operator Deutsche Zeppelin Reederei (DZR). Its [2004 tourist flying season](#) is scheduled to start in a few days, the first weekend in March.

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