

# What is Code-Sharing?

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# “Domestic Code Share”

- **Commercial agreement between two airlines that allows an airline to put its two-letter identification code on the flights of another airline as they appear in computerized reservations systems.**
- **Examples include:**
  - Continental and United
  - Delta and Alaska
  - US Airways and PSA

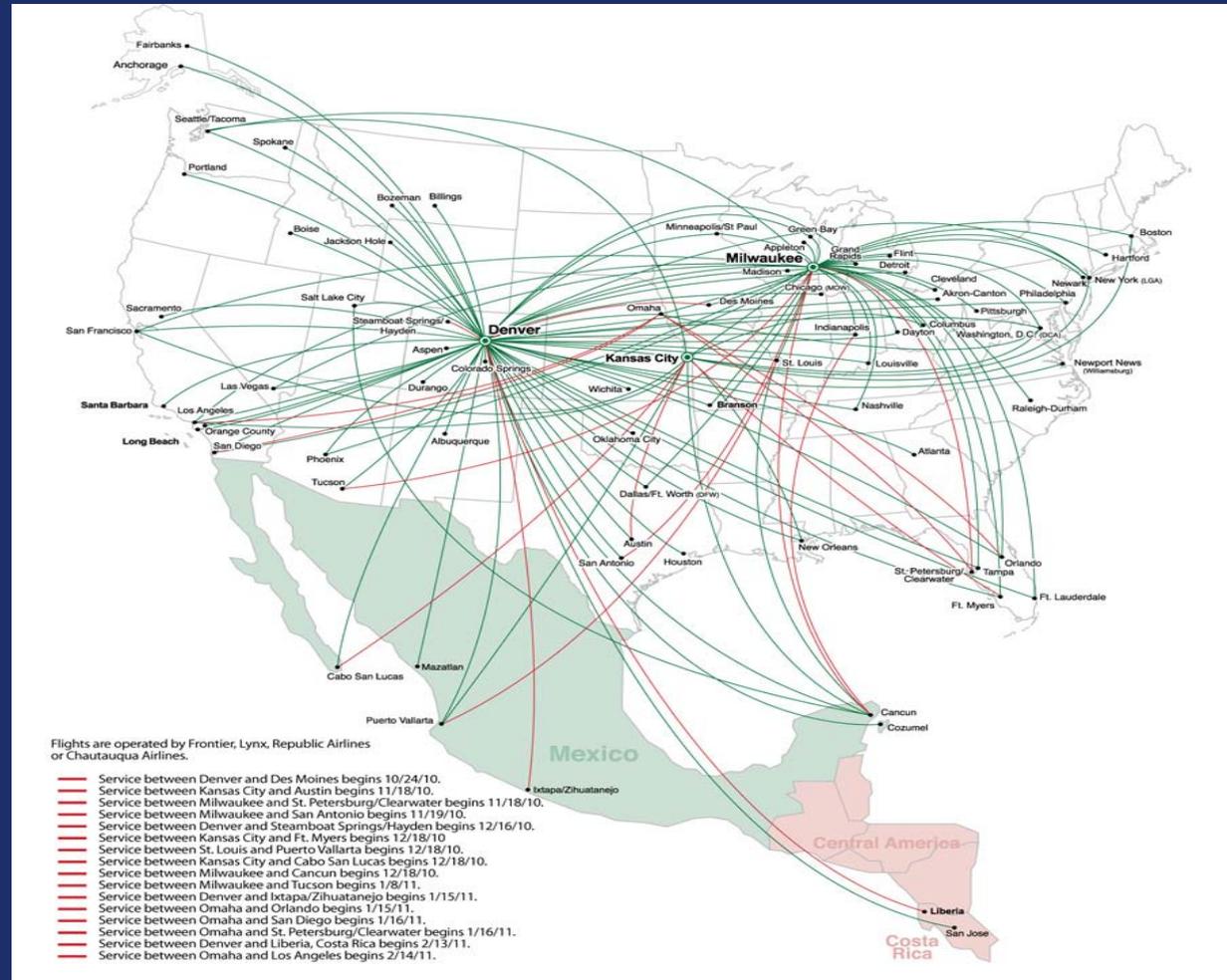


# FAA Definition of “Regional”



# “Regionals” are not:

- “regional”



# “Regionals” are not:

- “small”

2009 Rank	Airline	2009 Enplaned Passengers	2008 Rank	2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008-2009
1	Southwest	101.338	1	101.921	-0.6
2	American	85.720	2	92.772	-7.6
3	Delta	67.745	3	71.615	-5.4
4	United	56.025	4	63.071	-11.2
5	US Airways	50.975	5	54.776	-6.9
6	Continental	43.946	7	46.919	-6.3
7	Northwest	40.865	6	48.772	-16.2
8	AirTran	23.968	8	24.574	-2.5
9	JetBlue	22.378	9	21.824	2.5
10	SkyWest	21.246	10	20.668	2.8

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

# “Regionals” are not:

- operators of “small aircraft”



# “Regionals” are not:

- “new”

<b>Carrier</b>	<b>Year Founded</b>
<b>Air Wisconsin</b>	<b>1965</b>
<b>American Eagle</b>	<b>1972</b>
<b>SkyWest</b>	<b>1972</b>
<b>Chautauqua</b>	<b>1973</b>
<b>ExpressJet</b>	<b>1986</b>
<b>American</b>	<b>1930</b>
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>1971</b>
<b>AirTran</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>JetBlue</b>	<b>2000</b>



# “Regionals” are not:

- “wholly-owned” subsidiaries of other air carriers.
- Exceptions: American Eagle, Comair and PSA



# “Regionals”

- **Are independent part 121 air carriers;**
- **Maintain independent control of their operations;**
- **Develop and implement their own manuals, procedures, and training programs;**
- **Have their own management structure; and**
- **Are assigned a team of FAA inspectors.**



# Summary

- **All part 121 air carriers comply with the same regulatory standards, regardless of size of carrier or size of airplane.**
- **Code-sharing is a marketing agreement that does not affect the requirement to comply with these standards.**

