

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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December 14, 2009

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March 31, 2010

SUBJ: Identification of Northwest Airlines Aircraft Painted with Delta Colors

1. Purpose of This Notice. Phraseology is required to avoid confusion when Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines aircraft are communicating with air traffic control but are not painted in the colors of the airline matching the call sign they are using. This notice is a continuation of N JO 7110.493, Identification of Northwest Airlines Aircraft Painted with Delta Colors, effective December 14, 2008.

2. Audience. This notice applies to the Terminal Services organization and all associated air traffic control facilities.

3. Where Can I Find This Notice? The notice is available on the MYFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications.

4. Procedures. Use the following phraseology to describe aircraft using Northwest Airlines call signs but painted with a Delta Air Lines color scheme:

a. On departure, the phraseology “Delta colors” will be used by Northwest flightcrews on initial contact with ramp control (where applicable), on initial contact with ground control, and on initial contact with local control.

EXAMPLE-

“Detroit Ground, Northwest two twenty-two with you, Delta colors.”

b. On arrival, the phraseology “Delta colors” will be used by Northwest flightcrews on initial contact with the approach control, on initial contact with the tower (local control), and on initial contact with ground control.

EXAMPLE-

“Potomac Approach, Northwest two twenty-two, one zero thousand with Alpha, Delta colors.”

“Dulles Tower, Northwest two twenty-two, at the marker, Delta colors.”

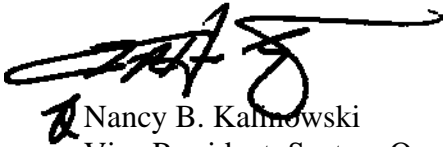
NOTE-

In both the departure and arrival cases, read back of the words “Delta colors” by air traffic personnel is not mandatory.

c. The words “Delta colors” will be filed with the aircraft’s flight plan and will be displayed in the remarks section of the flight progress strip. This will be done to the maximum extent possible, but because of the limited size of the remarks section, it may not be possible in all cases, especially with international flights.

5. Distribution. This notice is distributed to the Air Traffic Organization Terminal and Safety Service Units; the service center offices; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; and all terminal air traffic control facilities.

6. Background. As a result of the Northwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines merger in December 2008, Northwest has begun to paint its aircraft with the Delta color scheme. Airline management has advised that not all aircraft paint scheme conversions are complete; this conversion is expected to be complete by March 31, 2010. Additionally, until the merging of the airlines operating certification process is finalized, aircrews will continue to use the "Northwest" aircraft call sign and the "NWA" three-letter identifier in their flight plans. This will be the case regardless of the paint scheme of the aircraft.



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