



## Dewbridge Airport Systems Press Release

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### **New DoubleDocker™ automated gate system by Dewbridge in use by United Airlines at Denver International Airport**

On 23 August 2006, United Airlines customers at Gate B15 at the Denver International Airport began using Dewbridge Airport System's DoubleDocker™, the world's first fully automated dual-end jet bridge. Contracted in late 2005, this five gate installation will be completed for United in late 2006.

This new gate system consists of a Dewbridge AutoDocker™, an automated apron drive passenger boarding bridge, with an Over-The-Wing (OTW) Dewbridge which enables passengers to board and deplane simultaneously from the front and rear doors on narrow-body aircraft -- effectively cutting in half the boarding and deplaning time. The system includes a Visual Docking Guidance System (VDGS) to ensure accurate parking of aircraft and to initiate the docking sequence to aircraft such as the A320 and 737 families, 757-200 or EMB190

The fully automated aspect of the bridge system also gives airline employees more time to focus on customers as it is guided and driven completely by a computer system and does not require a person to operate it as existing bridges do. Based on the latest technology, this innovative system was developed using a combination of artificial vision and multiple redundant sensors to find the aircraft doors and drive the front and rear bridges to their docking positions.

Greater aircraft utilization through faster turnarounds and optimal use of personnel creates a compelling business case for the DoubleDocker™. In a recent press release, United Airlines stated that it expected to expand the use of these bridges to other airports in the near future.

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