



Federal Express "FedEx"

Federal Express is a cargo airline based in Memphis, Tennessee which first commenced operations in 1973. The carrier operates a "super hub" for cargo at its home base of Memphis. Federal Express began serving Albuquerque from Memphis later in the 1970's using small Dassault Falcon 20 jet aircraft. Federal Express adopted the nickname "FedEx" and officially took on that name in 1994. The airline division would be called FedEx Express while the ground network as FedEx Ground. The company grew quickly specializing in overnight package delivery and obtained larger aircraft including Boeing 727's and 737's and later acquired larger widebody aircraft. FedEx now serves Albuquerque with morning and evening flights each day to Memphis using Airbus A300 and Boeing 767-300 widebody aircraft. On most days the morning flight will stop in Lubbock, Texas on the way to Memphis. During busier holiday seasons, FedEx will operate extra flights, some with Boeing 757 narrowbody aircraft. The company has also flown the larger McDonnell Douglas DC-10 and MD-11 widebody aircraft to Albuquerque.

FedEx also developed a feeder network in which many contract carriers, using primarily Cessna 208B Super Cargomaster aircraft, connect smaller cities with the larger cities that FedEx serves. AirDialog, established in 2022 and based in Albuquerque, provides FedEx Feeder flights from Albuquerque to Farmington and Gallup, New Mexico as well as Durango, Colorado. AirDialog replaced the former provider, Empire Airlines, based in Hayden, Idaho, which had flown the Albuquerque operation since 1988. Roswell, New Mexico had been served for many years by Baron Aviation, based in Vichy, Mississippi. Baron flew FedEx Feeder flights from Roswell to Lubbock, Texas but that service was cancelled as of December 31, 2022 as a cost cutting measure by FedEx. Baron also served Las Cruces, New Mexico at one time.



Federal Express original aircraft, the Dassault Falcon 20.



Federal Express Boeing 727-100 used during the 1980's



FedEx Boeing 757 at the Albuquerque Sunport displaying the new name and livery in 1994.



FedEx Boeing 767-300 landing at the Albuquerque Sunport.



FedEx Airbus A300-600 landing at the Albuquerque Sunport.



FedEx Douglas DC-10 landing at the Albuquerque Sunport.



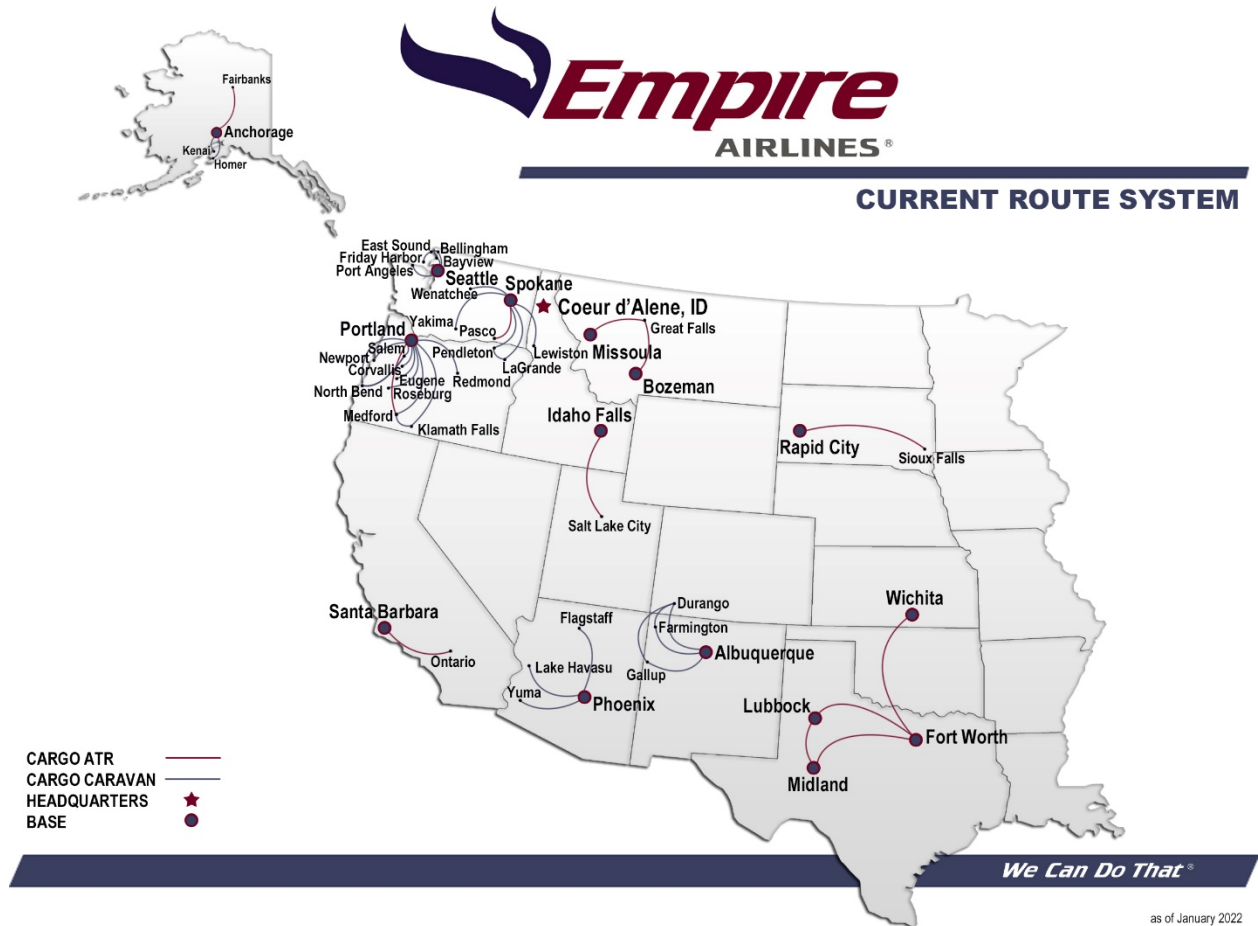
FedEx McDonnell Douglas MD-11 at the Albuquerque Sunport.



FedEx Feeder Cessna 208B Super Cargomaster operated by Empire Airlines at the Albuquerque Sunport.



FedEx Feeder Cessna 208B Super Cargomaster operated by Baron Aviation at the Roswell International Air Center prior to discontinuing service in 2022.



FedEx Feeder routes flown by Empire Airlines before the New Mexico operations were transferred to AirDialog in 2022.