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Velaro E: 40 trips to the moon and back

A Siemens train is the most reliable train in the Spanish high-speed fleet. The Velaro E 103 as it is called by Spanish National Railways (Renfe), achieved 99.95 percent punctuality. That is a new record!

The Velaro E has been running between the Spanish metropolises of Madrid und Barcelona completes the 625 kilometer journey between these two cities in just over two and a half hours at a speed of 350 km/h. Passengers appreciate not only the comfort and speed of the Velaro E but also its reliability. Punctuality of 99.95 percent means that, arithmetically, it is more than ten minutes late every 1.4 million kilometers. Or, to put in another way, there is a significant delay on only one out of every 2,300 trips between Madrid and Barcelona. That is another reason why, for some time now, more people have been choosing to make this journey by train rather than by plane.

Hans-Jörg Grundmann, the head of Siemens Mobility, is also pleased with the new record. His news reached him on his Blackberry, and said, "We'd like the word to get around to other railroads that our trains are punctual when we're allowed to support our customers with the servicing."



Siemens and Renfe maintain the Velaro E jointly in Spain. The Nertus (an acronym of "your train" in Spanish for "your train") joint venture can be justly proud of its success. Over 250 employees clock in three depots and two main stations to keep the 26 trains in the fleet fully fit (see picture). They have traveled over 33 million kilometers since 2007, which is equivalent to over 40 round trips and they have landed on time.

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