

THE HUNGARIAN AIRLINE MAGYAR LÉGIFORGALMI RÉSZVÉNYTÁRSASÁG WAS FOUNDED 100 YEARS AGO



Magyar Posta is issuing a special stamp to mark the centenary of the foundation of the Hungarian airline Magyar Légiforgalmi Részvénytársaság. Forty thousand copies of the stamp designed by the graphic artist György Kara were produced by ANY Security Printing Company. The new issue goes on sale at Filaposta, philately specialist services, designated post offices and www.posta.hu from 2 September 2022.

On 19 November 1922, the Hungarian airline Magyar Légiforgalmi Rt. (ML Rt., later MALERT) was founded. As the main rival of the German-backed Aeroexpress Rt., its Fokker F-III aircraft, capable of carrying five passengers, connected Budapest with Vienna and Belgrade.

As a result of developments in 1937/38, the aircraft were adapted to carry 24 passengers. In 1939, MALERT connected Budaörs with Venice, Rome, Milan, Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Zurich, Berlin, Krakow and Warsaw with daily flights, and with Belgrade, Arad and Bucharest every other day. In the later years, the company operated flights to Košice, Uzhhorod, Oradea, Cluj-Napoca, Târgu Mureș, Odorheiu Secuiesc, Sfântu Gheorghe, Târgu Secuiesc and Miercurea Ciuc, towns that were once part of historic Hungary.

During the Second World War, aviation lost the most in terms of transport, as regards personnel, aircraft and ground facilities. The entire fleet of civil aeroplanes was destroyed. Three months after the establishment of the Hungarian-Soviet Civil Aviation Company (MASZOVLET), MALERT was dissolved on 30 July 1946.

The main motif of the stamp is ML Rt.'s Fokker F.III passenger aircraft from Mátyásföld, Budapest. In the lower part of the stamp is a detail of a former advertisement for the Budapest-Vienna route. The special first day cover shows some ML Rt. Fokker F.III passenger aircraft and the company logo. The company logo is used again in the design of the special postmark.

Order code:

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Issued on:

2 September 2022

Face value: HUF 795

(On the date of issue, this pays the postage of a priority letter up to 50 g, or postcard or picture postcard to countries within the EU customs border and such non-dutiable items to European countries outside the EU customs border.)

Printing technique:

4-colour offset

Number of copies: 40,000

(50 stamps and 5 barcodes per sheet)

Perforated size: 30 x 40 mm

Paper type: White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

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