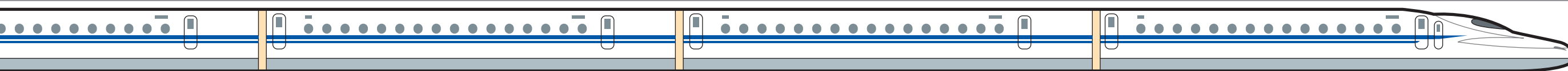
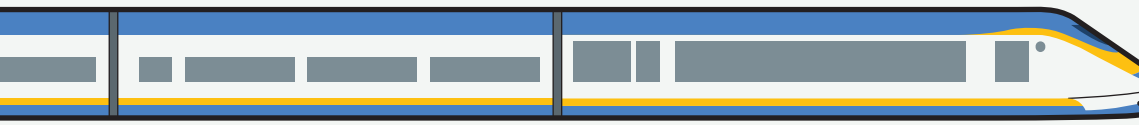
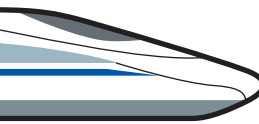
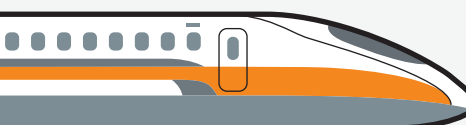


	Service (years)	First mooted	Work started	Operator	Distance	Travel time	Frequency	Capacity	Fares
 <b>Japan's Shinkansen, Tokyo-Osaka</b>	52	1930s	1958	Central Japan Railway Company, also known as JR Central	552.6km	2hr 22mins for Nozomi	At least 201 daily departures on the Nozomi both ways: A Nozomi train runs about once every 10 minutes.	1,323 seats on each train.	14,450 yen (\$\$184.60) for the Nozomi; 14,140 yen for the Hikari and Kodama.
 <b>Britain-France/Belgium's Eurostar, London-Paris, London-Brussels</b>	22	1964	1988	Eurostar	495km from London to Paris, 373km from London to Brussels	2hr 15mins from London to Paris, 2hr from London to Brussels	On average, London-Paris trains run every hour from 6am to 8pm on weekdays, while there are nine London-Brussels services a day on weekdays.	Up to 900 seats on each train.	Standard fares start at £45 (\$\$80) for a single trip and £58 for a return trip on both routes. Business-class fares are £276 for a single trip and £490 return.
 <b>China's high-speed rail, Beijing-Shanghai</b>	5	1990	2008	Beijing-Shanghai High-Speed Railway Company	1,318km from Beijing to Shanghai	4hr 48mins	43 trains one-way each day, with departures every 19 minutes on average.	Up to 1,028 seats on each train (there are different trains, some 8-car, some 16-car).	553 yuan (\$\$112.45) for a second-class seat, 933 yuan for a first-class seat and 1,748 yuan for a VIP seat.
 <b>Taiwan high-speed rail, Taipei-Kaohsiung</b>	9	1990s	2000	Taiwan High-Speed Rail Corporation	345km	96 mins	Around 18 trains one-way each day on the fastest service; with departures every hour.	989 seats on each train.	NT\$1,490 (\$\$63.20) for the standard car and NT\$1,950 for the business car.

NOTE: Trains are not drawn to scale