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**HUGO ECKENER  
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Germany

Inducted 2008

10 August 1869, Flensburg – 14 August 1954

Friedrichshafen

**Hugo Eckener's early career** was as a newspaper reporter. He joined Zeppelin as a publicist in 1906 and assisted in the development of Zeppelin's rigid airships and in training pilots. He was instrumental in popularizing airship travel, in particular transoceanic flights. In 1929 he commanded the Graf Zeppelin (LZ127) on the first-ever round-the-world commercial flight.

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