



# SNAPSHOT

## SEE YA LATER, FREIGHTER!

The first 777 Freighter successfully took to the skies over Puget Sound on July 14 on its initial flight. The sixth and newest member of the 777 airplane family took off from Paine Field in Everett, Wash., and flew for more than three hours. During the inaugural flight, 777 Chief Pilot Suzanna Darcy-Hennemann and 777 Deputy Chief Pilot Van Chaney took the airplane to an altitude of 18,000 feet (5,486 meters) and an airspeed of 270 knots, or about 311 miles (500 kilometers) per hour (Mach 0.42), customary on a first flight. Typically, the cruise altitude for the 777 is 35,000 feet (10,668 meters), and the airplane's cruise speed is Mach 0.84. During the next several months, this airplane and a second one will prove the airplane's safety, reliability and service-ready condition during approximately 270 flight hours and more than 450 ground-test hours. The plan is to earn certification from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Europe's Joint Aviation Authority during the fourth quarter and deliver to launch customer Air France shortly thereafter. To date, Boeing has secured 78 firm orders from 11 customers for the 777 Freighter.

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# QUOTABLES

**“The danger for us is that we get lazy, live off this exchange rate and let costs build up. ... I’m trying my best not to let that happen.”**

— Jim McNerney, Boeing chairman, president and CEO, about how the weak U.S. dollar affects Boeing and international competitors such as Airbus, in the July 14 *Aviation Week & Space Technology*

**“A lot of people have tried to say this is all about ‘Buy America,’ but to us it was all about (how) the Request for Proposal was not followed.”**

— Jim Albaugh, Integrated Defense Systems president and CEO, about Boeing's reasons for protesting the U.S. Air Force's contract award for tanker refueling aircraft, in the July 14 *Financial Times*

**“The size of our order mirrors the rising prominence of the Middle East and its increasing emergence as a new focal point of aviation.”**

— James Hogan, CEO of Etihad Airways, at last month's Farnborough International Airshow, in the July 15 *Wall Street Journal*. Etihad and Boeing announced an order for 35 787-9 Dreamliners and 10 777-300ERs (Extended Range) airplanes.

## IAM PROMOTIONS

No promotions listed for periods ending June 27 and July 4, 11 and 18

## ETHICS QUESTIONS?

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