

Pride on the line

Making the best jets takes the skill and dedication of thousands of employees

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These are heady times at Boeing's commercial jetliner plants in the Puget Sound area of Washington state. At the sprawling Everett factory, the world's largest building by volume, two new jetliners, the 747-8 Freighter and the 787 Dreamliner, are now in production. The passenger version of the 747-8, the Intercontinental, has begun assembly. The 777 is being assembled on a moving line for the first time, to further drive production efficiencies. And if Boeing is picked to supply the U.S. Air Force with aerial refueling tankers, that 767-based platform will be assembled in the plant. Some 40 miles (60 kilometers) south, at the Renton site, the single-aisle 737 also is making news for record-breaking efficiency gains: In the past 12 years, the site has rolled out more than 3,100 Next-Generation 737s. And the new 737 Boeing Sky Interior will be in production this summer.

The 737, 747, 767, 777 and 787 represent Boeing's broad product line of commercial jetliners. But none would ever roll out of the factory doors without the efforts of thousands of highly skilled men and women who by day and night assemble the planes and their millions of parts, supported by thousands more workers across Boeing and at supplier and partner companies worldwide. Here's a look inside two of Boeing's biggest factories. ■

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737

PHOTOS: (Top) The 737 team's Derek Charbonneau, left, and Terry Nooney. **(Insets)** Team members (from left) Ray Jacobs; Anne Scholzen; Mike Dufour; Jack Stendahl; Tim Brooks and Simon Lee; and Gary Shamp.



PHOTOS: (Top) The 747-8 team's Shonn Kidoguchi, left, and Tim Barfield. **(Insets)** Team members (from left) My Tran; Sunnytha Keo; Teresa Craig; Eddie Melkumian; Reynaldo Bobadilla and Jeffrey Ledin; and Charles Peters and Jane McKnight.

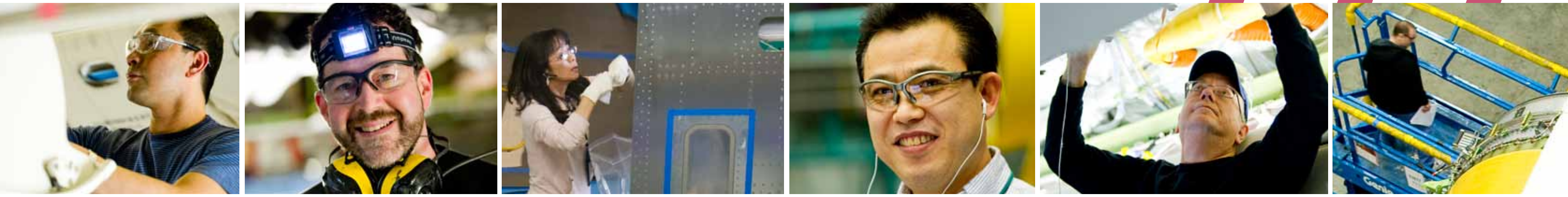


767

PHOTOS: (Bottom) The 767 team's Todd Stillwell, left, and Ricky Carter. **(Insets)** Team members (from left) Ryan Johnson; Robin Goetz and James Nice; Adam Garner; Michael Pitchford; Renato Augusto and Raymond Lao; and Rick Abbott.



PHOTOS: (Bottom) Installing equipment on the 777. **(Insets)** 777 team members (from left) Tony Pawavichahn, James Kinnear, Sophia Sorenson, David Kim, Bruce Wedin and Robert McMackin.



787

PHOTOS: (Bottom) The 787 team's Tran Nguyen, left, and Gary Birdsall. **(Insets)** Team members (from left) Justin Meyers, Ricardo Barreda, Miguel Elizondo, Lucila Dapiaoen, Joel Hetland and Jason Pam.

