



PICTURE PERFECT

Boeing's new 747-8 Intercontinental, the largest commercial airplane the company has ever developed, soars above Puget Sound in Washington state during its first flight March 20. Chief pilot Mark Feuerstein called the nearly 4.5-hour flight "perfect." At 250 feet (76 meters) long, the 747-8 Intercontinental is about 18 feet (5.6 meters) longer than its predecessor, the 747-400. "This is a great day for the 747-8 team and for all of Boeing," said Elizabeth Lund, vice president and general manager of the 747-8 program. "What an honor it is to see such a beautiful airplane fly."

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