



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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FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS

The 787 Dreamliner and the exotic McLaren MP4-12C sports car have more in common than a sleek, aerodynamic look. Both make extensive use of lightweight carbon fiber composite technology. *Road & Track* magazine recently featured an interview on advanced composites and the Dreamliner with Boeing's Mike Sinnett, vice president and chief project engineer for the 787. As the two vehicles share "similar structural DNA," the auto magazine brought the McLaren to Boeing Field for a photo shoot with one of the 787 flight-test aircraft. The interview can be found at www.roadandtrack.com/special-report/5-questions-with-mike-sinnett.

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