

First Boeing 777 Freighter Leaves Paint Hangar

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Adorned in the Boeing (NYSE:BA) livery, the first 777 Freighter was moved from the Everett, Wash. paint facility to Everett field this morning, bringing the airplane one step closer to its world debut.

The 777 Freighter is based on the 777-200LR Worldliner (Longer Range) passenger airplane and will fly farther and provide more capacity than any other twin-engine cargo airplane. On May 21, Boeing will debut the 777 Freighter at employee celebration events in the Everett factory where the airplane is built on the same production lines as all other 777 models.

Boeing expects to deliver the first 777 Freighter to its launch customer Air France in the fourth quarter of 2008. Eleven customers around the world have ordered 78 777 Freighters.

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