



PHOTO: This American Airlines 767-300ER (Extended Range) made the first revenue flight of a 767 equipped with Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglets. The jetliner is shown after its arrival at London Heathrow Airport. AMERICAN AIRLINES

AMERICAN AIRLINES FIRST TO FLY 767 BLENDED WINGLETS

An American Airlines Boeing 767-300ER (Extended Range) last month made the first revenue flight of Aviation Partners Boeing's (APB) Blended Winglets on this jetliner model.

This highly visible technology—already flying on more than 2,850 Boeing 737s and 757s—could save each American Airlines 767 up to 500,000 gallons (1.9 million liters) of fuel per year while cutting carbon dioxide emissions by as much as 5,000 tons (4,500 metric tons).

“These winglets represent the largest piece of structure ever retrofitted to a commercial aircraft wing and will dramatically change forever both the appearance and performance of the 767-300ER,” said John Reimers, APB president and CEO.

APB is a joint venture of Aviation Partners Inc. and Boeing, reporting through Commercial Aviation Services in Commercial Airplanes.

BOEING NAMED TO FORTUNE'S 'WORLD'S MOST ADMIRABLE COMPANIES' LIST

Boeing was ranked 40th in *Fortune* magazine's new annual survey, the World's Most Admired Companies. The study, which polled more than 4,000 executives, directors and analysts, covered 689 companies in 64 industries across 28 nations. Boeing is the only aerospace company in the list's top 50.

In a second part of the survey, in which respondents were asked to rate companies in their own industry on nine reputational criteria ranging from product quality to financial soundness, Boeing was ranked No. 2 out of 15 aerospace and defense companies, behind United Technologies.

The *Fortune* survey combines the magazine's long-standing America's Most Admired Company and its former World's Most Admired Company surveys.

BOEING, MEXICANA GROUP AGREE TO 25-AIRPLANE 717 LEASING DEAL

Mexicana Group agreed to lease 25 Boeing 717-200 airplanes to be used by its Click operation, Boeing and Mexicana Group said last month. The deal makes Mexicana the first North American 717 operator outside the United States. The Rolls-Royce-powered 717s will replace Fokker F-100s operated by the airline.

“At a time when economic conditions pose challenges to airline operators and travelers, the 717 offers a wealth of value—greater fuel efficiency, lower maintenance costs, a modern flight deck and spacious interior,” said Tim Myers, Boeing Capital Corp. vice president for structured financing. “We're pleased to join forces with Mexicana to bring the 717 to the region.”