

# dreamliners

Working on a



**PHOTO:** Installing the advanced 787 flight deck are team members Kellen Miller, left, and Scott Hinrichs.

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The 787 program is making steady progress toward certification and delivery.

Employees are working to help the program reach its goals and feeling excited about the first delivery scheduled for later this year.

"It's an absolute joy to see this plane come together," said Kathleen Hughbanks, structures mechanic. "It is a great plane and I can't wait to get it out to the world."

Although the program has faced challenges, employees now have plenty to cheer about. Recent 787 program milestones include logging 1,000 test flights, more than 3,000 hours of flying and traveling 1,000,000 flight miles.

First delivery to launch-customer ANA is scheduled for the third quarter of 2011.

"Every time I go to the factory and see the planes being assembled I am amazed," said Cory Goulet, lead staff analyst, 787 Propulsion Systems. "It's been a lot of hard work, but I'm really looking forward to us reaching certification."

Dave Cernich, team lead, Section 41/43 A Deck, began working on the 787 program two and half years ago.

"Starting on the 787 was a whole new career path for me and every day it is exciting to come to work," he said. "It's been great to watch us overcome the challenges on the program as a team and as a company. The first delivery to our customer and seeing the plane in service is what I'm looking forward to."

Don Neisinger, 787 mechanic, echoed that.

"I enjoy the sense of accomplishment I get from my job and building a quality product for the customer," Neisinger said. "I'm looking forward to the airplane being delivered and to see the customer happy ... It really is a wonderful airplane."

On the following pages are photos of the 787 team at work building Dreamliners, as captured by Boeing photographer Bob Ferguson, during a recent visit to the Everett, Wash., plant. ■

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**PHOTOS: (Below)** The sweeping curve of a 787 wing graces the final assembly line. **(Insets, from left)** Tan Truong; a mechanic works on the wing; Les Smith; and forklift operator William Work.

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**PHOTOS: (Below)** Focused on a final assembly task on the 787 wing are Ricardo Barreda, left, and Ralph Gonzalez. **(Insets, from left)** 787 team members Charlie Alexander; Mishelle Prochaska; Derek Pickering, left, and Ken Mattson; and Eric Reighard.

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**PHOTOS:** (Below) Crane operator Bob Soletz has a front-row view of the 787 assembly line. (Insets, from left) 787 team members Alma Carter; Vannak Peou; Jennifer McGlothlen; and James Palmer.

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