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The Boeing Company [NYSE:BA] has selected PPG Aerospace, a business unit of PPG Industries, to provide electrochromic windows for the passenger cabin of the all-new 787 Dreamliner.

The 787 will be the first commercial jetliner to feature this new technology, which will allow passengers to electronically shade their windows, replacing the plastic screens found on today's airplanes.

"The 787 Dreamliner will provide passengers with a noticeably better flying experience and our windows are a big part of that improvement," said Mike Bair, vice president and general manager of the 787 program. "The new electronic shades are like sunglasses for the airplane. Passengers will be able to see out the big Dreamliner windows even when they choose to shade them."

According to David Morris, PPG Aerospace vice president, "PPG has explored variable-transmittance window technology for aircraft over several years. The culmination of this effort is our involvement in the 787 Dreamliner. Together we are meeting the needs of the public for more enjoyable travel and helping airlines enhance their operating efficiency."

More Information

Boeing 787 Dreamliner

The 787 is a family of three super-efficient airplanes that will provide passengers with a better flying experience. The airplanes will feature significant improvements in passenger amenities including cleaner air, bigger windows, a lower cabin altitude and higher humidity. Detailed design of the 787 is under way with production scheduled to start in 2006. First flight is planned for 2007 with deliveries beginning in 2008.

PPG Aerospace

PPG Aerospace, based in Huntsville, Ala., is the aerospace products and services business of PPG Industries. PPG Aerospace - Transparencies is the world's largest supplier of aircraft windshields, windows and canopies. PPG Aerospace - PRC-DeSoto is the leading global producer of aerospace sealants, coatings, and packaging and application systems.

PPG is the sole source to Boeing for cockpit windows on the Boeing 737, 767 and 777 airplanes.

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