Boeing Business Jet Embarks On First Flight

The new Boeing Business Jet (BBJ) - a high-performance derivative of the Next-Generation 737-700 - made its successful first flight today with Boeing Capts. Mike Hewett and Mike Carriker at the controls. The airplane took off from Renton Municipal Airport in Renton, Wash., at 9:13 a.m. PDT. The BBJ has a range of more than 6,000 nautical miles and boasts an 807-square-foot cabin, nearly three times larger than existing long-range business jets. Interiors can be configured to accommodate a variety of executive and VIP layouts.

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