First Boeing Business Jet With Winglets Takes Flight

The first Boeing Business Jet (BBJ) takes off from Boeing Field on its initial flight with winglets. Although this is the first BBJ to be flown with winglets, Boeing used a 737-800 as a testbed for BBJ winglets last summer. Once the winglets are certified, they will be offered as a post-delivery installation feature on all BBJs. The winglets are being tested as a possible range-performance enhancement for the BBJ. The BBJ is a derivative of the Next-Generation 737-700, combining the -700 fuselage with the strengthened wings and landing gear of the larger and heavier 737-800.

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