Newest Boeing 767 Successfully Completes Taxi Test

The new 767-400ER (extended range) taxied for the first time Oct. 5 on the runway at Paine Field in Everett, Wash. The test, conducted prior to first flight, provides data about the airplane's braking performance and handling characteristics on the ground. It ensures all the systems perform as designed while the airplane is in motion, providing the flight crew's final validation before first flight. The pilots during yesterday's test conducted several low- and high-speed taxi runs, incrementally building speed to a maximum of 90 knots. The airplane's gross weight for this test was 304,405 pounds.

First flight is expected to take place Oct. 8, depending on weather and other variables. For more information about the 767-400ER first flight, see http://www.boeing.com/news/feature/767-400ERroll/ on Oct. 8.

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