First Boeing 757 Passenger-To-Freighter Modification Begins

Boeing Airplane Services-Wichita Modification Center employees remove a section of 757-200 fuselage that will be replaced with a cargo door in what is to be the first 757 passenger-to-freighter conversion ever undertaken. Boeing is converting 44 757 jetliners to freighter configuration for DHL Worldwide Express. The 20-foot-by-22- foot cargo door surround structure that replaces the fuselage section that was removed was manufactured by Boeing in Renton, Wash. The converted 757 freighters will be capable of carrying 60,000 pounds of cargo and will have a range of more than 2,000 nautical miles. The first 757 freighter will be delivered to DHL during the first quarter of 2001.

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