

Launch Date Set for Boeing-Built e-BIRD Communications Satellite

READY TO FLY -- The Boeing-built e-BIRD broadband communications satellite undergoes final preparations for shipment from Boeing Satellite Systems in El Segundo, Calif., to the Guiana Space Center in Kourou, French Guiana. Arianespace will launch the spin-stabilized Boeing 376HP built for Eutelsat, S.A. of Paris on Saturday, Sept. 27, aboard an Ariane 5 rocket. The 19-minute launch window opens at 4:02 p.m. PDT (23:02 GMT).

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