Boeing Implements 787 Vertical Fin Moving Line

Employees at the Boeing Frederickson Composite Manufacturing Center (CMC) transfer into place a skin panel sub-assembly on the main box of the first production 787 vertical fin during implementation of a 'pulse' moving assembly line. Depicted left to right in the foreground are Art Valenzuela and Ed Sherman, CMC assembly mechanics. Guiding the rear of the skin panel onto the main box are, from left, Eric Zapletal, assembly mechanic, and Mike Halbert, team leader for the crew of 787 major assembly mechanics. The Boeing Composite Manufacturing Center rolled out its first 787 vertical fin on March 14, a key milestone leading to the beginning of airplane final assembly in Everett, Wash.

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