Boeing Moving Line Begins for Production of 787 Vertical Fin

Major assembly mechanics at the Boeing Frederickson Composite Manufacturing Center (CMC) lower into place a skin panel sub-assembly on the main box of the first production 787 vertical fin during implementation of the factory's new 'pulse' moving assembly line. Depicted clockwise from left are assembly mechanics Bryan Ehi, Art Valenzuela, Eric Zapletal, Mike Dilger, (two employees who are not visible at the rear of the skin), Mike Halbert, Ed Sherman and Steven Chose. 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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