Boeing Creates 360° 'Dream Pass' Video of its 787 Dreamliner

Attention wannabe pilots: Here's your chance to experience the next best thing to flying Boeing's new 787 Dreamliner. The company created the Boeing 787 Dreamliner "Dream Pass [1]," a 360-degree online video that lets you take an immersive virtual ride in the plane's flight deck, and tour its wings and engines.

Be sure to click the full-screen icon at the bottom of the screen for the maximum panoramic effect, where you can control your view by clicking and dragging your cursor. At the same time, you're able to select either Boeing 787 [2] chief pilot Capt. Randy Neville [3]'s commentary (and some Boeing cheerleading) about what the pilots are doing, or you can hear the in-flight conversations between the pilots and air traffic controllers. I found both to be equally fascinating.

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Once you're done with that tour of the plane's takeoff from Portland and landing in Seattle, you can take a virtual walk around the huge plane, accompanied by new-age music instead of commentary. As you look at its composite fuselage and high-tech engines, you can click for more details of their technology. You can do the same for its unusual swept-up wings, which are depicted at angles I've never seen before.

The entire aircraft is a thing of beauty, a masterpiece that is the pinnacle of high technology circa 2012.

It's an informative tour, albeit peppered with sales pitches to airlines that might be interested in buying a few of these $206 million planes. Yes, this is what it takes to sell big-ticket items, folks. Of course, Boeing would like to get some return on its $32 billion investment in the development of this plane. So far, it's built 44 of them and 844 are on order. Airlines such as United, Japan Airlines, All Nippon Airways and Air India have purchased them.

If you have fantasies of piloting such craft -- or are just interested in the highest of technology -- make sure your seatbelt is securely fastened and your seat back is in the upright position. This is a worthy video presentation [4] in which to immerse yourself.

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