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Consumers waiting for the long-awaited Boeing 787 Dreamliner are likely to have to wait just a little longer. A fire broke out within the cabin of a 787 on a test flight Tues, forcing an emergency landing in Laredo, Texas. Boeing stopped further test flights of the Dreamliner indefinitely after production had already been postponed by issues surrounding the recent failures of Rolls-Royce jet motors.

Boeing's smoking 787

On a test flight from Yuma, Arizona, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner in the event had been about to get to the Laredo Airport in Texas. The back of the primary cabin had smoke coming from it, the pilot reports. The 42 people crew got out of emergency exit chutes following the 787 had been landed safely. An injury was reported by one person. There hasn't been a release from the business yet. The reason for the problem hasn't been determined. The smoke could have come from wiring, lighting or other electronic systems in the aircraft. The Dreamliner's Rolls Royce engine was ruled out. The 787 didn't lose power either, Boeing stated.

Is the Dreamliner worth the wait?

The 787 Dreamliner is regarded as the product Boeing's future depends on. There was fuel efficiency in mind when this aircraft was designed. It is good for the economy. 20 percent less fuel than other planes its size are used from this airliner that is the first in the world built from composite materials. The 787 was supposed to be used a long time ago. It was scheduled for Might 2008 to be used. There are collaboration challenges from outside suppliers though. This has caused delays. A test flight for the Dreamliner didn't even happen until December 2009. That had been long after it was supposed to come out. Airlines around the world have ordered 850 787s, the largest number ever for a plane still being developed.

Boeing's future on hold

As Boeing has been trying to get the Dreamliner flying, the 787 test flight suspension is just one of the setbacks. Since there were two separate in-flight engine failures with the Airbus A380s just last week, there is now a problem with the Rolls-Royce engine. 17 of the 25 Dreamliner's that are able to fly so far have Rolls-Royce engines in them. Wall Street investors are assured by Boeing that numbers are lower than forecasted when deliveries are going to be longer than expected. There was a 3 percent drop in Boeing stock.

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