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Australia is going to keep its current aircraft for another two decades, like these PC-9s flown by the RAAF Roulettes aerobatic demonstration team (see p. 50). Australian Defense Dept. photo.

The Boeing 737-800 flew for the first time on July 31 (see p. 42). Boeing photo by Ken Dejarlais.



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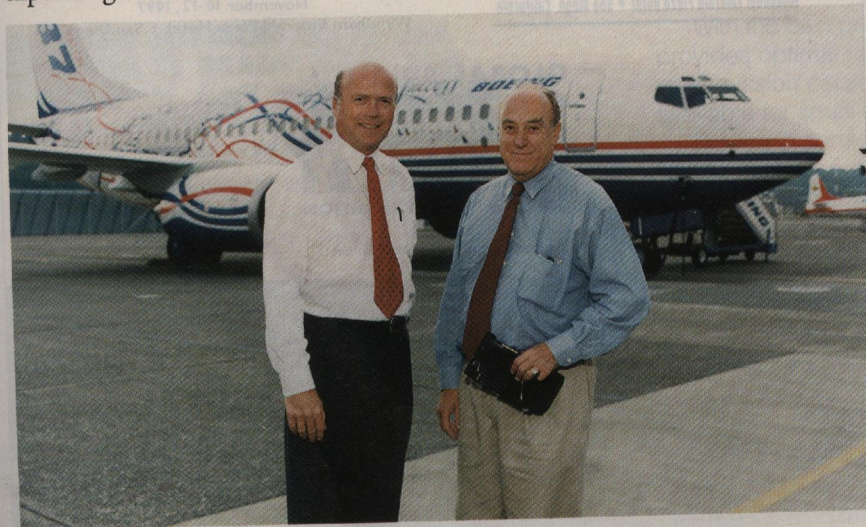
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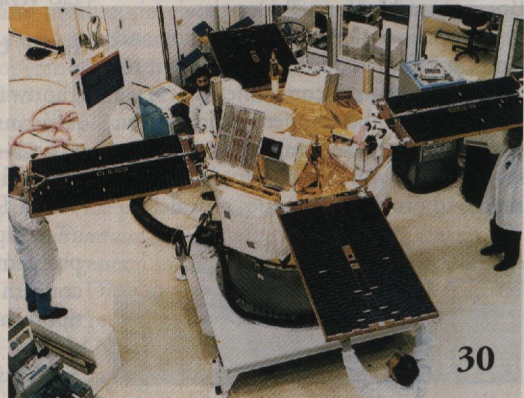
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