Lockheed Martin Media Advisory & Update: Advance Planning For F-35 First Flight

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The first F-35 aircraft is ready for final activities leading to first flight. Thursday the aircraft successfully completed low speed taxi test and today the aircraft received flight certification. This means the aircraft is certified to operate within the allowable flight envelope. Upcoming tests are medium and high speed taxi tests.

Although the date for first flight is not definite, the first flight window will be from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the first possible date after final taxi tests are complete and when all conditions -- weather, etc. -- are "go."

Media will be immediately apprised via Media Advisory upon conclusion of the flight about a Press Availability at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth. There will also be a Live International Press Teleconference to be held at the same time, as well as information for a same-day satellite video feed of first flight.

Details:

Flight photos will be available after the flight on site and online at http://www.lockheedmartin.com/wms/findPage.do?dsp=fnec&ti=129&cpi=1&rsbci=1 and http://www.teamjsf.com/ .

The phone-in news conference will begin about two hours after completion of first flight. Call-in information will be provided in a subsequent advisory.

The satellite video feed will be released shortly following completion of first flight.

Satellite-coordinate information will be provided in a subsequent advisory.

The flightline media opportunity at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth will also be available at the conclusion of the phone-in news conference.

We appreciate your cooperation and ask that you please stand by for further information on the F-35's first flight.

An F-35 electronic media kit is available at: http://www.lockheedmartin.com/wms/findPage.do?dsp=fec&ci=15965&rsbci=13151&fti =0&ti=0&sc=400 .

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