



DEUTSCHE AIRCRAFT PARTNERS WITH WEERTS GROUP FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FINAL ASSEMBLY LINE FOR D328ECO

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Deutsche Aircraft announced a partnership with Weerts Group, a pan-European logistics and real estate infrastructure developer, for the construction of its state-of-the-art Final Assembly Line for D328eco aircraft. This collaboration is a significant achievement in the development of the D328eco programme and reinforces Deutsche Aircraft's commitment to innovation and sustainability.

The OEM broke ground for the Final Assembly Line at Leipzig/Halle Airport in May 2023. Frame conditions have since been laid and the [official start of construction was announced during ILA 2024 in June](#). In the meantime, the ground field side has been completed and handed over. The FAL is set to become operational in the fourth quarter of 2025, as Weerts Group takes over the construction. With a total area of 60,500 square meters, the facility will contain the FAL, Flight Readiness Hangar, Logistics Centre, and Administration Building, creating a comprehensive infrastructure to support the production of the D328eco.

Nico Neumann, COO of Deutsche Aircraft, commented: "This partnership with Weerts Group

signifies an important milestone in the industrialisation of the D328eco. Weerts Group brings a strong portfolio of experience as we construct the Final Assembly Line for Deutsche Aircraft. This is testament to our dedication to the success of the D328eco programme and its pivotal role in the aviation value chain in Europe and around the world.”

Yves Weerts, CEO and President of Weerts Group, said: “This partnership between Deutsche Aircraft, Leipzig Airport and our Group is a milestone in our development in Germany. Weerts Group is charmed by the confidence Deutsche Aircraft and Sierra Nevada Corporation have shown during negotiations and we are very happy to contribute to the realisation of this project. This collaboration is an absolute priority for our company, with Leipzig as an important anchor point to further develop our business in the German market.”

Götz Ahmelmann, CEO of Mitteldeutsche Flughafen AG, stated: “Leipzig/Halle Airport is a byword for successfully attracting businesses and innovation. The production of an environmentally friendly aircraft such as the D328eco perfectly matches our portfolio. The establishment of this production line marks a groundbreaking chapter for sustainable aviation, our airport, and the entire region.”

The new Final Assembly Line will incorporate cutting-edge technologies and processes, ensuring a 100% digital and paperless production environment. Automated and driverless transport systems will streamline operations, while automated parts and tool storage will enhance efficiency. The production line will be tailored specifically to the D328eco, optimising process flows, and utilising energy-efficient battery powered tools.

One of the key advantages of the Final Assembly Line will be its use of 3D models in production, and the possibility of integrating augmented reality technology. This innovative approach will enhance productivity and precision, further solidifying Deutsche Aircraft's position as a leader in the aviation industry.

In addition to its advanced technological capabilities, the Final Assembly Line will prioritise sustainability and customer experience. The newly designed manufacturing tools, including tools for the fuselage, will be energy-efficient, contributing to a greener production process. The open and friendly factory will allow customers to witness the assembly of the aircraft firsthand, fostering transparency and trust.

The construction of the Final Assembly Line will create employment opportunities for 250-350 individuals to further boost the local economy in the Leipzig region. With a production capacity of forty-eight D328eco aircraft annually, Deutsche Aircraft aims to meet the growing demand for regional aircraft while maintaining the highest standards of quality.

Deutsche Aircraft is excited to embark on this new chapter in its journey towards revolutionising regional aviation. The collaboration with Weerts Group will enable the company to deliver on its promise of a modern, efficient, and sustainable Final Assembly Line for the D328eco. With its advanced technologies, optimised processes and a commitment to customer satisfaction, Deutsche Aircraft is poised to shape the future of regional air travel.

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