

BOEING DROPS 'X' FROM STRETCHED 777 DESIGNATION

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Boeing has formally **dropped the 'X'** suffix from its individual stretched **777** variants, although it will retain it for the overall family.

The US airframer is officially referring to the variants as the 777-8 and the 777-9, the company said during the Dubai air show.

But the combined family, it adds, will still be known as the 777X.

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Large-scale models of the aircraft on display in Dubai feature the amended designation on the nose of the aircraft.

The change brings the branding of the long-haul twinjets into line with those of Boeing's 787 family and the 747-8.

Boeing is intending to put the 777-9 into service in 2020 with the 777-8 following in 2022.

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