



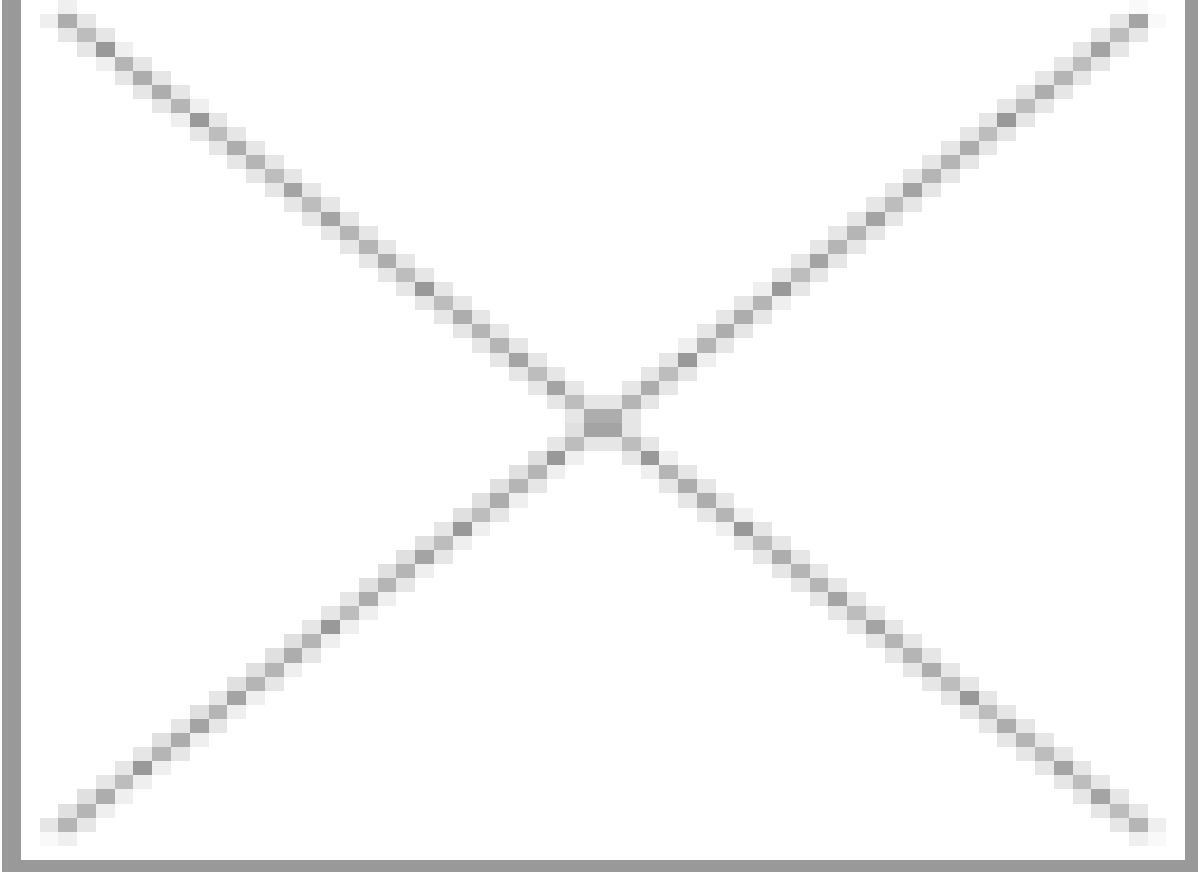
LEONARDO-FINMECCANICA CONFIRMS CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES OF AW609

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Leonardo-Finmeccanica announced today that the first flying **AW609** prototype has arrived in **Philadelphia** following a recent resumption of flight testing. Departing from Arlington, Texas, the aircraft's flight plan included an overnight stop in Huntsville, Ala, before arriving in Philadelphia on Wednesday, August 10.

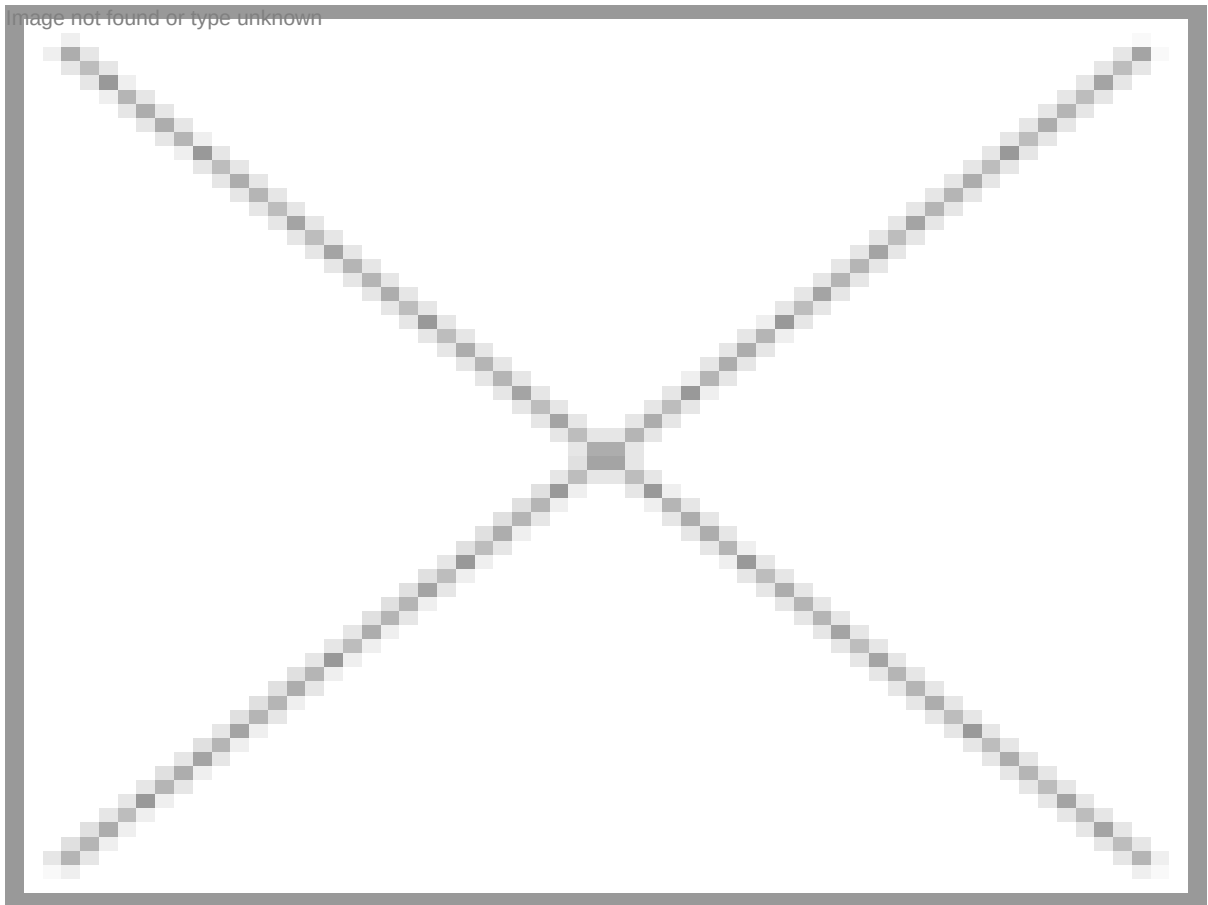
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With industrialization underway, **Leonardo-Finmeccanica** has expanded the **AW609 TiltRotor** program to include the company's Philadelphia facility. The involvement of the Philadelphia site in the **AW609** program represents the anticipated progression towards assembly and certification with the FAA as the certification authority. **Facilities in the Italy, UK and Poland continue to play critical production roles.**

While this flying prototype will soon be relocated to Italy, flight testing activities in Philadelphia will continue upon the arrival of an **AW609** recently assembled and ground tested in Italy. Another **AW609** is being assembled in Philadelphia with plans to enter the test fleet in 2017. Certification of the first commercial tiltrotor is expected in 2018, with deliveries to customers to follow.

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