

AEI to convert first MD80SF

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Florida conversion company Aeronautical Engineers Inc (AEI) is to convert one MD-80 into a specialist freighter. The aircraft, which was purchased from GA Telesis and was previously with American Airlines, arrived in Miami Tuesday May 4 and has begun the conversion process.

Robert Convey, AEI's vice president of sales and marketing, says that the MD80 can transport an equal amount of payload the same distance as a B737-400SF, but for one third of the acquisition process.

“The acquisition and induction of the prototype aircraft represents an historic milestone in the development of what is positioned to become the largest passenger-to-freighter conversion program ever,” Convey says.

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