SUCCESSFUL FIRST FLIGHT OF BELL BOEING CMV-22B OSPREY

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The first CMV-22B Osprey, built by Bell Textron and Boeing completed first flight operations at Bell's Amarillo Assembly Center. The CMV-22B is the latest variant of the tiltrotor fleet, joining the MV-22 and CV-22 used by the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force. The U.S. Navy will use the CMV-22B to replace the C-2A Greyhound for transporting personnel, mail, supplies and high-priority cargo from shore bases to aircraft carriers at sea. Bell Boeing designed the Navy variant specifically for carrier fleet operations by providing increased fuel capacity for the extended range requirement. The mission flexibility of the Osprey will increase operational capabilities and readiness, in addition to ferrying major components of the F-35 engine.

"The first flight of the Navy's CMV-22B marks a significant milestone for the V-22 program and for Naval Aviation," said Chris Gehler, Bell V-22 Vice President and Bell Boeing deputy program director. "The Osprey has always been a revolutionary aircraft, and we look forward to continuing to support the evolving needs of the Navy with advanced tiltrotor capabilities."

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