

FUTURE FIGHTER -- What appears to be an airplane with the wings on backwards is actually a forward-swept wing fighter aircraft. Named the X-29A, it is shown undergoing static and proof-loading tests at the Grumman Aerospace Company plant in Bethpage, New York. The advanced technology demonstrator is scheduled for flight testing later this year. The wings are made from graphite-epoxy composites instead of metal.

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