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John A. Pilla is Senior Vice President of Engineering, and Chief Technology Officer for Spirit AeroSystems, Inc. In his role, Pilla has responsibility for engineering and R&D across all programs, and also leads Spirit's Information Technology organization. Prior to this assignment, he served as senior vice president and general manager of Airbus Programs, and SVP/GM of Propulsion Aerostructures at Spirit.

Pilla graduated in 1981 from the University of Kansas with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. His career at Boeing Wichita began as a stress analyst in 1981. He worked on Nacelle Programs, company IRAD and the A-6 Replacement Wing. He completed a master's degree in Aerospace Structures in 1986.

In 1997, Pilla led Next-Generation 737 engineering programs including the development of the 737-900 fuselage and empennage.

After successful completion and delivery of the 737-900, Pilla moved back into the Struts and Nacelles area to lead the Define Team on the 777LR airplane in May of 2000. Following that assignment, he became the director of business operation in July 2001. In spring 2002, he graduated from Wichita State University with a Masters of Business Administration.

The new Boeing 787 Program brought an assignment as director of product definition and manufacturing in July 2003. At the time of the divestiture of Boeing Commercial Airplanes Wichita Division in June 2005, he became vice president/general manager-787.

John and his wife, Mandy, have two sons, Tony and Nick, and a granddaughter, Ella. In the ever-elusive spare time, he enjoys watching Ella grow up and the Jayhawks basketball team. He also enjoys boating on Table Rock Lake.

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