

Helicopter Service Thuringen Sets Standard for Private Flight in Germany

Helicopter Service Thüringen GmbH continues to showcase the Bell 505's unique capabilities and benefits to passengers and operators all over Europe. This small air operator located in the center of Germany offers scenic flights over the countryside and supports a variety of flight offerings, including aerial inspection, flight training, medical evacuation (medevac) missions and sight-seeing trips. Their first Bell 505 was delivered in 2018 and became the first operational Bell 505 in Germany. If you ask this operator which aspect of the Bell 505 stands out the most, they will say it's the powerful performance it provides. While the flight teams have had to resort to other aircraft to perform passenger flights from airport locations and navigate high obstacles, the Bell 505 enables them to conduct frequent flights at similar fuel consumption, with enhanced performance.

The Bell 505 has assisted with training and medevac missions as well. "For training, the helicopter is perfect," said Michael Vogel, managing director, Helicopter Service Thuringen GmbH. "The student is learning much faster; everything is much smoother and easier for the students." Recently, the aircraft have been used to support potential medical flights during Fenix Rally, a global cross-country car-racing event in Tunisia. In case of an accident, the Bell 505 can transport injured drivers from deep sand dunes to a medical vehicle in under 20 minutes. Before, patients would have to rely on a Jeep to move them over hilly terrain for more than several hours before they received care.

Overall, the Bell 505 is extending its range of operations, especially the medical support flights for the rally and power-line operations. The greatest advantage is the enhanced performance at the same costs. Vogel says, "Getting a premier product at the same cost was one of the key reasons I never regret choosing the 505 and becoming Germany's first Bell 505 operator." Whenever he has free time, Vogel enjoys taking his six-year-old son on flights to introduce him to the world of future vertical lift, as his "youngest student."

Bell's exclusive European 505 dealership, Rheinland Air Service GmbH, and Bell will display the Bell 505 at AERO Friedrichshafen 2022,. Stop by booth B5-301 to learn more about the Bell 505's world-renowned operational benefits.