

News Release

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Responding to customer demand, Starlink high-speed connectivity now available as an Aftermarket option on the Cessna Citation Ascend; 560XL series achieves EASA certification



FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany (April 21, 2026) – [Textron Aviation Inc.](#), a [Textron Inc.](#) (NYSE: TXT) company, today announced at AERO Friedrichshafen the availability of Starlink highspeed connectivity as an aftermarket upgrade for the Cessna Citation Ascend, the newest aircraft in the bestselling Cessna Citation 560XL series, following the Federal Aviation Administration’s issuance of AeroMech’s Supplemental Type Certificate (STC). In addition, the Cessna Citation 560 XL fleet — including the XLS Gen 2, XLS+, XLS and Excel — has received European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) certification for Starlink installation at Textron Aviation’s European service centers.

AeroMech's STC utilizes Starlink's high-speed internet technology connecting to Starlink's constellation of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites providing more reliable connectivity over land, water and remote areas, where traditional in-flight WiFi may not have service.

"Customer feedback continues to shape how we enhance the ownership experience and expanding Starlink availability for the Citation Ascend and 560XL series is a direct response to customer demand," said Brian Rohloff, senior vice president, Customer Support. "Offering Starlink as an aftermarket option gives customers flexibility to equip their aircraft with the connectivity solution that best supports their missions and reinforces our commitment to listening and delivering a best-in-class aviation experience."

Customers can schedule the upgrade for installation on the Citation Ascend and 560XL series aircraft at North American Textron Aviation Service Centers and select International Service Centers. AeroMech's STC utilizes a Starlink Aviation Kit, consisting of an Aero Terminal (antenna), Power Supply Unit (PSU) and one Wireless Access Point (WAP), and only requires power input from the aircraft. Learn more about the upgrade [here](#)

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Textron Aviation, through its Beechcraft and Cessna brands, is renowned for its unrivaled global service network dedicated to complete life-cycle support. In addition to its expansive company-owned footprint, Textron Aviation's jet, turboprop and piston customers have access to a global network of more than 300 authorized service facilities. Textron Aviation also offers a mobile support program featuring more than 40 mobile service units and on-site service technicians and support. Find additional information about Textron Aviation's service programs at <http://txtav.com/en/service>.

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About Starlink

Starlink is the world's most advanced satellite constellation in low-Earth orbit, delivering reliable broadband internet capable of supporting streaming, online gaming, video calls, and more. Starlink is engineered and operated by SpaceX. As the world's leading provider of launch services, and the only provider with an orbital class reusable rocket – SpaceX has deep experience with both spacecraft and on-orbit operations. Learn more at www.starlink.com and follow @Starlink on X.

About AeroMech Inc.

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