

Cessna's flagship Citation Latitude debuts at NBAA



The Citation Latitude, Cessna's newest midsize business jet, is making its public debut this week at the annual National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) Convention & Exhibition, giving customers and industry observers a first look at the company's latest in a long line of Citations, the world's most popular line of business jets. Cessna Aircraft Company is a subsidiary of Textron Aviation, Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE:TXT) company.

“From cabin to cockpit, customers are impressed with the expansiveness of the Citation Latitude,” said Kriya Shortt, senior vice president, Sales and Marketing. “The superior flight functionality, performance and reliability that are inherently Citation are matched by the clean, contemporary cabin environment, superior in-flight productivity and integrated flight management suite – elevating the flight experience for both passengers and pilots.”

The aircraft on display is one of four Citation Latitudes flying in the company’s certification flight test program, which has logged more than 600 flight hours in 260 flights. Performance improvements demonstrated in the flight test program have prompted Cessna to update the aircraft specification to reflect an eight percent greater range to 2,700 nautical miles at long-range cruise speed, and shorter runway performance with takeoff distance now an impressive 3,668 feet.

Type certification by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is expected in the second quarter of 2015.

Announced at NBAA just three years ago, the Citation Latitude features an all-new fuselage, the widest fuselage of any Citation jet, a flat cabin floor and six feet (1.83 meters) of cabin height, Garmin G5000 avionics, and two Pratt & Whitney Canada PW306D engines with auto-throttle capabilities. Cessna’s Clairity® cabin-technology system ties into the Citation Latitude’s advanced avionics center to provide connectivity and productivity to each passenger through their personal electronic devices.

The Citation Latitude accommodates up to nine passengers and can reach a flight level of 43,000 feet (13,106 meters) in just 24 minutes. It is designed with a powerful new cabin cooling system and a pressurization system providing a 6,000-foot (1,829-meter) cabin altitude at the aircraft’s maximum operating altitude of 45,000 feet (13,716 meters).

The Latitude is also the first business jet in the industry to feature cabin airbags for passengers in side-facing dual or single seating configurations. Taking a cue from technology prevalent in automotive airbags, the system is the first to meet new FAA occupant protection requirements and extends the Citation’s heritage for continued safety innovation.

The Latitude prototype first flew on schedule in February, followed by two additional aircraft in May and July. Cessna gained Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Type Inspection Authorization (TIA) for the Latitude in May. The Citation Latitude is among 12 aircraft on display for Textron Aviation, which includes the four new Citation models certified in the past year – the Citation X+, Citation Sovereign+, Citation CJ3+ and Citation M2.

More than 6,600 Citations have been delivered to customers around the world since the first Cessna Citation business jet was put into service in 1972. Citations are the largest fleet of business jets in the world and have surpassed 30 million flight hours.

For more information on the Citation Latitude, visit [Cessna.com](https://www.cessna.com).

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