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China-Based Shenzhen Airlines Uses King Air C90GTi for Advanced Pilot Training



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Airline's in-house training academy acquires second aircraft from #1 turboprop lineup in the world

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) today announced the second delivery of its Beechcraft King Air C90GTi to Shenzhen Airlines in China. Shenzhen Airlines is using the King Air C90GTi to provide advanced pilot training at its in-house training academy, Kunpeng International Flight Academy.

“As China’s aviation industry continues to grow, it is critical to have the proper training aircraft for new pilots,” said Brad Hatt, senior vice president, Hawker Beechcraft Sales. “The King Air C90GTi delivers the lowest priced twin-turbine aircraft with mid-size jet avionics and is ideally suited for use in advanced pilot training roles. As the safety and performance leader in its segment, the C90GTi will serve as a solid base for pilots being trained through Shenzhen Airlines.”

Shenzhen Airlines founded Kunpeng Flight Academy in 2007, marking the first flight school established independently by an airline company. It offers training courses in IFR and private and commercial licenses. Kunpeng's main instruction base is located at Wuzhou Airport in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The Beechcraft King Air C90GTi is exceptionally fuel-efficient, which contributes to its low operating costs, while offering increased performance and greater system redundancy. The C90GTi features an advanced, fully-integrated Collins Pro Line 21™ avionics suite, the same system found in the King Air B200GT, King Air 350, Premier IA, Hawker 750 and Hawker 900XP. Advanced capabilities not found in other entry-level turbine avionics systems include a multi-sensor flight management system that utilizes several aircraft position inputs, solid state weather radar and Collins patented Chart Link™ automated chart selection system, all of which greatly reduce pilot workload. Other features include TAWS+, TCAS-I, a high speed USB database loader and optional Collins HF radio. Its advanced digital capabilities in collecting, processing and displaying communication, navigation and surveillance (CNS) data keep pilots wired into a network of ever-changing information. The Rockwell Collins avionics suite also incorporates an Integrated Flight Information System (IFIS), offering pilots a wide range of tools – including map overlays and Electronic Jeppesen charts – to enhance safety and situational awareness.

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