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First Hawker 800XPR Upgrade Aircraft Undergoes Engine Installation and Integration



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Hawker Beechcraft Global Customer Support (GCS) today announced its first Hawker 800XPR upgrade aircraft is progressing toward a mid-year certification following the recent installation of genuine Hawker winglets at the company's Chester, United Kingdom, service center. The aircraft has been flown to the United States where it is now preparing for the installation of new Honeywell TFE731-50R engines.

HBC and the first Hawker 800XPR customer, JoinJet, are pleased with the progress of the program and are anxiously awaiting certification," said Christi Tannahill, HBC vice president, Global Customer Support. "JoinJet is eager to put the aircraft to work, flying its clients throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa, while we are preparing our service centers to support the installation demand."

Baseline pre-upgrade performance has been established and the aircraft is currently undergoing minor structural and electrical modifications prior to engine installation. Ground power runs are expected within the next several weeks followed by flight-testing and certification.

Once JoinJet's aircraft is certified, interested Hawker 800XP and 850XP owners and operators can choose to have their aircraft similarly upgraded at the Company's Chester service center or the Little Rock, Ark. service center in the United States.

Announced in 2010, the Hawker 800XPR upgrade offers significant improvements over the performance and capability of the 800XP, the industry's best-selling midsize jet. Genuine Hawker winglets and more powerful, state-of-the-art Honeywell TFE-731-50R turbofan engines give the 800XPR greater range, better time to climb and faster cruise speeds. In addition, optional avionics, a newly stylized interior and XPR custom paint designs are available. The upgrade is available exclusively through HBS, the company's factory-owned service center network.

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Headquartered in Wichita, Kan., Hawker Beechcraft Global Customer Support (GCS) is dedicated to improving the value of HBC aircraft by employing products and services to simplify aircraft ownership, reduce operating cost and increase resale value. GCS is comprised of four functional groups that include Support Plus (cost predictability/warranty programs), Hawker Beechcraft Parts & Distribution (genuine factory parts), Hawker Beechcraft Services (factory-owned service centers) and Technical Support (Field Support Representatives, Hot Line specialists and Technical Publications).

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