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Hawker Beechcraft Acquires First Hawker 400XPR Test Aircraft, Begins Development



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Closely following the announcement of the Hawker 400XPR package at the 2010 NBAA convention in October, Hawker Beechcraft Services (HBS) today announced it has acquired the first test aircraft and initiated design engineering on its \$2.24 million high performance upgrade for Hawker 400XP / Beechjet 400A aircraft.

“Based on strong customer interest, we are speeding up the pace of the 400XPR development,” said Christi Tannahill, HBC vice president, Global Customer Support. “Our design and engineering team is already modeling and evaluating winglet shapes and other aerodynamic improvements, along with preliminary powerplant considerations. The market is ready for a factory designed and supported performance enhancement of this proven light jet.”

The Hawker 400XPR, which is expected to receive certification in 2012, offers greatly improved range and airfield performance, while reducing noise footprint and emissions by replacing the existing Pratt & Whitney JT15D-5 engines with new, more fuel-efficient Williams International FJ44- 4A-32 dual FADEC high-bypass turbofans. The upgrade also features the addition of genuine Hawker composite winglets and an optional modernized flight deck with Rockwell Collins Pro Line 21 avionics.

The 400XPR package is available exclusively through the HBS factory-owned service centers. To learn more about the Hawker 400XPR upgrade, contact Randy Znamenak at 316.993.7409 or Randy_Znamenak@hawkerbeechcraft.com.

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