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Hawker Beechcraft and FlightSafety MxPro Training Course Receives EASA Certification



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Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) and FlightSafety International today announced they have received approval to conduct theoretical and practical, hands-on technical training to support the Hawker 125 series business jets from the European Aviation Safety Authority (EASA). The authorization paves the way for HBC and FlightSafety to provide their MxPro Regulatory maintenance training to technicians who, upon completion of the course, will be certified to perform maintenance on the Hawker 750, 800, 850 and 900 models.

“This EASA approval supports a growing European fleet of Hawker aircraft,” said Christi Tannahill, HBC vice president, Global Customer Support. “With more than 150 Hawker 125 series business jets currently based in Europe, the MxPro training program approval will allow technicians to earn the equivalent of a maintenance type rating, permitting them to service the aircraft.”

MxPro is an innovative program that leverages HBC's knowledge of aircraft design, manufacturing and support with FlightSafety's training expertise. It is offered at FlightSafety's new Maintenance Learning Center in Wichita, Kan.

The program utilizes a variety of methods and training devices, including interactive computer 3D modeling and actual aircraft to provide hands-on training, replicate real-life experiences, offer in-depth operational and maintenance tasks, and supplement extensive classroom instruction. The MxPro course provides participants with one week of hands-on instruction to supplement the two to three weeks of theoretical training. MxPro Regulatory training supplements the MxPro course with an additional week of hands-on training and is designed to provide foreign certifications for various regulatory agencies around the world. Completion of the initial training course is required for enrollment in the MxPro Regulatory training.

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).

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation is a world-leading manufacturer of business, special mission and trainer aircraft – designing, marketing and supporting aviation products and services for businesses, governments and individuals worldwide. The company's headquarters and major facilities are located in Wichita, Kan., with operations in Salina, Kan.; Little Rock, Ark.; Chester, England, U.K.; and Chihuahua, Mexico. The company leads the industry with a global network of more than 100 factory-owned and authorized service centers. For more information, visit www.hawkerbeechcraft.com.

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