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Hawker Beechcraft T-6C Trainer Successfully Tours Europe and Africa



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Hawker Beechcraft Corporation's (HBC) Government Business team recently completed a month-long tour of Europe and Africa with the Beechcraft T-6C military trainer, which has already netted a contract from the Royal Moroccan Air Force for 24 of the latest version of the versatile turboprop aircraft. The T-6C is an advanced version of the T-6A Texan II, which incorporates an integrated glass cockpit and a state-of-the-art avionics suite that greatly expands its training capabilities. It is distinguished from the T-6B by the addition of a hard point wing that allows it to carry external fuel tanks.

"The T-6C is an exceptional airplane for the primary training mission because of its multi-functional display avionics suite and structural integrity," said Jim Maslowski, president, U.S. and International Government Business for HBC. "It also demonstrated its reliability on this tour. The only service it required throughout the month-long international journey was the replacement of one wingtip light bulb and the addition of a half quart of oil."

During the tour, the aircraft made stops in Morocco, Spain and the United Kingdom and flew 40 demonstration flights. It completed two trans-Atlantic crossings, logged 97.9 hours of flight, flew 62 sorties and made 170 landings.

The T-6 offers military organizations worldwide the most proven and most cost-effective training system available today. It is versatile and capable enough to accommodate instruction in elementary flight training and instrument flight procedures all the way through basic and advanced aerobatic maneuvers. To date, it has been used to train pilots from approximately 20 different countries. More than 550 T-6 trainer aircraft have been delivered to air forces worldwide. The international T-6 fleet has accumulated more than one million flight hours since first entering service in 2000.

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