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Hawker Beechcraft Launches Hawker 200



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Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) today launched the newest member of its famed Hawker lineup, the Hawker 200, the most advanced light jet on the market. Evolving from the Premier II program, the Hawker 200 has all of the same segment leading characteristics and performance, but now comes with more capability than ever before. The aircraft is featured this week at the company's static display at the National Business Aviation Association's (NBAA) Annual Meeting and Convention at DeKalb Peachtree Airport in Atlanta.

"We've spent the last 18 months gathering valuable input from light jet customers around the world," said Shawn Vick, HBC executive vice president. "Not surprisingly, they reiterated their desire to go fast, high and far – all in comfort and as efficiently as possible. Based upon these conversations, we've transformed the Hawker 200 into the fastest, most efficient and most spacious, single-pilot certified light jet you can buy. After tallying up the changes, there was no question that this business jet had graduated into a new class and deserved nothing less than being called a Hawker, a brand synonymous with constant innovation, high performance, proven reliability and unmatched cabin comfort."

The Hawker 200 is unique because it allows you to fly high and fast, without sacrificing comfort or cost. Flying at 450 knots and 43,000 feet, the Hawker 200 can perform the light jet missions needed 95 percent of the time while going faster, higher, farther and offering more comfort with its class leading cabin diameter – all for a lower operating cost per mile and a lower purchase price. In addition to its new winglets, new powerful Williams International FJ44-3AP engines, a gross weight increase and a higher ceiling; the Hawker 200 also features a MultiScan Weather Radar, ADS-B Out capability, and high reliability with a 400-hour inspection interval and 10-year composite airframe warranty.

With a high strength, state-of-the-art all-composite fuselage, the Hawker 200 is the most technologically advanced single-pilot business jet in the world with a category leading cabin cross section. HBC has a full scale Hawker 200 interior concept mock-up at its NBAA static display, which features an innovative layout that has been optimized for the light jet mission. The mock-up is an impressive display of potential future Hawker styling and an important tool for HBC to gather specific feedback on customer desires in the new Hawker 200 interior.

The Hawker 200 program is in an advanced state of development and on schedule. Following the first prototype flight in March 2010, the Hawker 200 has compiled more than 100 hours in flight test. The Hawker 200 is scheduled for certification in the third quarter of 2012, with first deliveries planned for the fourth quarter of that year. 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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