

MISSION BRIEF: BOB GIBBS AND MATT GEORGE ON THE CESSNA SKYCOURIER UX

The future of military logistics may depend on delivering critical supplies faster, farther and with less risk to personnel. In this Mission Brief, Bob Gibbs, vice president, Defense & Special Missions Sales, Textron Aviation, and Matt George, co-founder and CEO, Merlin, discuss the Cessna SkyCourier UX concept and how autonomous technologies could help address one of the military's most persistent challenges: contested logistics.



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As military operations become increasingly distributed, traditional supply chains are under pressure. Ground transportation routes may be disrupted, infrastructure can be limited and large transport aircraft often face greater operational risk as they move closer to the front lines. The SkyCourier UX concept explores a new approach, pairing the proven capabilities

of the Cessna SkyCourier with Merlin Pilot autonomy to help bridge the gap between major logistics hubs and forces operating in remote or contested environments.

Together, the companies are evaluating how a medium-payload autonomous aircraft could complement existing logistics networks. The concept is intended to fill the space between smaller autonomous resupply systems and large military airlifters, providing operators with a flexible option for moving mission-critical cargo such as repair parts, medical supplies and maintenance equipment.



The SkyCourier UX concept builds on the aircraft's growing momentum in defense and special missions applications while exploring how autonomy could help military organizations increase resiliency, improve responsiveness and reduce risk in future operations.

Watch the Mission Brief to hear Gibbs and George discuss how Textron Aviation and Merlin are exploring a new approach to autonomous logistics with the Cessna SkyCourier UX.



Cessna SkyCourier UX: What to know about the autonomous logistics concept

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