



FIRST BOMBARDIER GLOBAL 8000 PRODUCTION AIRCRAFT COMPLETED FLAWLESS INAUGURAL FLIGHT

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The first production Global 8000 aircraft has [successfully completed its inaugural flight](#). The milestone was completed on May 16 from Bombardier’s state-of-the-art Aircraft Assembly Centre in Mississauga, Ont., and the aircraft executed a series of tests, part of the production flight test procedures during the flight. The exquisite jet landed under the expert command of pilot Sandro Novelli, assisted by co-pilot Charlie Honey and flight engineer Bhargav Bhavsar. All flight controls were exercised on the aircraft, and the systems and aircraft performed as expected.

Stephen McCullough, Senior Vice President, Engineering and Product Development, Bombardier commented: “This first production flight marks yet another successful milestone for Bombardier’s Global 8000 program and we are very pleased with how the aircraft performed on its maiden journey. Having this first production aircraft take to the skies is another important step in this journey that will redefine the business aviation landscape. With its low cabin altitude, luxurious and healthy cabin, signature smooth ride and unparalleled performance capabilities, the Global 8000 is the clear choice for discerning owners and operators who prioritize convenience and flexibility.”

David Murray, Executive Vice President, Manufacturing, IT and Bombardier Operational Excellence System stated: “This is a very special accomplishment for our Global 8000 aircraft, the latest highlight for this transformational business jet. This first flight is a reflection of the dedication and high skill level of our engineering, production and flight teams to follow through and execute with precision and mastery at all stages of the manufacturing and flight-testing process.”

This marks the latest milestone for Bombardier’s Global 8000 program. The Global 8000 flight test vehicle has exceeded expectations in flight testing and the first production aircraft will soon travel to Bombardier’s Laurent Beaudoin Completion Centre in Montreal where interior completions will take place ahead of its planned entry-into-service in the second half of 2025.

Global 8000 business jet is the evolution of the highly successful Global 7500 aircraft, which has amassed more than 250,000 flying hours and 200-plus deliveries since entering into service in 2018. Bombardier’s flagship of a new era, the Global 8000, sets new standards for performance and ride quality, with the top speed of any civil aircraft since Concorde at Mach 0.94, the longest range for a four-zone business jet at 8,000 NM and the industry’s smoothest ride. The Global 8000 is the ultimate time machine, unlocking more routes than ever before including Dubai to Houston, Singapore to Los Angeles, London to Perth and many others, as well as introducing a first ever ultra-high cruise speed of Mach 0.92. At this average cruise speed, the Global 8000 can have a range of up to 4,200 nautical miles, getting you to your destinations in less time.

Bombardier’s nimble Global 8000 also possesses impressive runway performance comparable to a light jet. Its unique design and cutting-edge engineering provide customers with the ability to access smaller airports other aircraft in its category can’t access. Global 8000 aircraft will also set an extremely high bar in terms of luxury and comfort. This trailblazing business jet will offer exceptional comfort, featuring four true living spaces and a separate crew rest area. The discerning business jet will also feature the longest seated length size in its class along with the industry’s healthiest cabin and low cabin altitude, designed to maximize passenger comfort and productivity throughout their travels.

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