



“THE NEXT BIG THING” AND MORE FROM PILATUS

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The business aviation industry is getting ready for NBAA-BACE 2019 in Las Vegas, it is like the big star of the theater waiting for the step to go from backstage to the scene lights. Pilatus Aircraft reserved some surprises at a special event on the eve of the convention opening. Stay tuned to “The NeXt Big Thing”!

Right before the convention, Pilatus celebrates the 50TH delivery of the new and very popular PC-24 Super Versatile Jet to a US customer. Certified in over ten countries, the global PC-24 fleet now exceeds the 14,000 flight-hour mark. The fleet leader has already amassed 1,400 flying hours in just 20 months of service.

With such a versatile cabin, the PC-24 is used by a wide range of customers: fractional ownership structures, charter operators, public companies, private individuals, air ambulance operators and government authorities. Demand for the PC-24 remains exceptionally high. Pilatus and the Authorised Pilatus Sales Centres are currently taking orders for aircraft which will deliver in the latter half of 2021.



New Interiors

Over the past year, Pilatus has gathered feedback on how the first PC-24 customers are making good use of the flexible interior. Now, at the National Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (NBAA-BACE), Pilatus will unveil a PC-24 with a forward galley designed to provide additional storage space for coffee, ice, beverages and catering. Like other furniture and seats in the PC-24, the galley will be modular and interchangeable with the currently available coat closet.

Pilatus is also working on a retrofit option allowing the lavatory to be placed in the rear of the cabin. More than a few operators have expressed an interest in this. Like the PC-12, the PC-24 was designed as standard with a forward lavatory to ensure maximum flexibility for cargo in each cabin configuration.

Successful CrystalCare™ Programme

The all-inclusive maintenance package, CrystalCare™, has proven extremely popular, and is adopted by over 70 percent of all new PC-24 customers. The programme covers all scheduled and unscheduled maintenance and inspections, Aircraft on Ground (AOG) assignments, all consumable items and normal wear items like tyres and brakes.

Thomas Bosshard, CEO of Pilatus subsidiary Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd, comments on the PC-24: “We are very pleased with how the PC-24 is performing for our customers, and demand remains very high. The Super Versatile Jet was designed to provide tremendous flexibility, a quality which delivers added value to the light and midsize jet market. The feedback from our customers confirms that the PC-24 hits a sweet spot of capability that no other business jet can match. Our highest priority is making sure we provide a first-class level of service to an ever-growing number of customers who both deserve and expect no less.”

Pilatus will feature both the PC-24 and the PC-12 at the static display during the NBAA-BACE in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA from 22 to 24 October 2019.



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