



AIRBALTICTRAINING ORDERS FOUR DIAMOND AIRCRAFT

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airBalticTraining has ordered three single-engine DA40 NG training aircraft and one twin-engine DA42-VI training aircraft from ***Diamond Aircraft*** for the airline's newly established ***Pilot Academy*** at ***airBalticTraining*** with the option of adding another eleven planes from ***Diamond***. In addition, ***airBalticTraining*** has also ordered a DSIM flight training simulator. Deliveries of the aircraft are expected to begin in May 2018.

Pauls Calitis, Member of the Board of *airBalticTraining*: "We are confident that ***Diamond Aircraft*** are the safest and most modern training aircraft out there. While primarily preparing our future pilots for the ***Bombardier C Series***, it is vital that the training aircraft also offers a flight deck with large LCD displays with optimized control and display functions in addition to an overall efficiency of the aircraft."

Amila Spiegel, Sales & Marketing Director, *Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH*: “We are proud to be *airBaltic*’s choice for professional flight training solutions. With our fleet of DA40 NG and DA42-VI – both equipped with the fuel efficient AE300 Jet-A1 engines and the newest Garmin NXi glass cockpit – as well as with the Flight Training Devices, *airBaltic* will benefit from a high level of standardization in maintenance, spare parts and procedures. We are convinced that the Diamond Fleet Concept will contribute to the company’s future success story.

Vilmantas Mazonas, Managing Director of *airBalticTraining*: “Since announcing the establishment of *Pilot Academy* last December, we have seen tremendous interest from the potential students. We received over 200 applications, from which the first class of 12 students is selected. The theoretical training will begin this March, and in about three months’ time the first class will have the chance to take a seat already on one of the brand new training aircraft.”

airBaltic serves over 60 destinations from its home base in Riga, Latvia. From every one of these locations, *airBaltic* offers convenient connections via Riga to its network spanning Europe, Scandinavia, CIS and the Middle East. In addition, *airBaltic* also offers direct flights from Tallinn and Vilnius.

***airBaltic* in brief:**

airBaltic (AIR BALTIC CORPORATION) is the world’s most punctual airline connecting the Baltic region with 60 destinations in Europe, the Middle East, and the CIS. *airBaltic* is a joint stock company that was established in 1995. Its primary shareholder is the Latvian state, which holds 80.05% of the stock, while Lars Thuesen holds around 20% through his fully-owned Aircraft Leasing 1 SIA. The *airBaltic* fleet consists of 31 aircraft – 8 Bombardier CS300, 11 Boeing 737 and 12 Bombardier Q400Next Gen. *airBaltic* has received numerous international awards for excellence, innovative services, and achievements in reshaping its business. *airBaltic* has been ranked by Airlinetrends among the Top 10 airlines globally for innovations. In 2017, airline received the CAPA Regional Airline of the Year awards, while in 2018 *airBaltic* received the ATW Market Leader of the Year award. *airBaltic* achieved the best on-time performance globally in 2014, 2015 and 2017.

airBalticTraining, a subsidiary of *airBaltic*, is a training facility offering a wide range of aviation training services in its modern and purpose-built training centre in Riga, Latvia. It was established in 2010 and since then each year provides training to approximately 3000 professionals from across the world – more than 1 500 pilots, almost 1 000 cabin crew members and several hundred of ground handlers, cargo agents, security personnel and others. For more information, please visit: <http://airbaltictraining.com/pilotacademy/en/> .

***Diamond Aircraft* in brief:**

Diamond Aircraft is the only company that offers flight training organizations a full range of modern, safe, efficient and reliable single and twin-engine aircraft, along with high fidelity Diamond Simulation flight training devices, and corresponding maintenance and pilot training. The company was established in 1981 in Austria, where its headquarters are still located in. For more information, please visit: www.diamond-air.at .

DA42-VI

The DA42-VI is the newest version of Diamond’s technology leading light piston twin, the first

certified general aviation piston aircraft to combine modern technology airframe, avionics and powerplants (Austro Engine AE300). Nearly 1,000 DA42's have been delivered since its introduction more than 10 years ago, outselling all other certified piston twins combined. The all-carbon composite DA42's are equipped with efficient, clean and reliable jet-fuel AUSTRO engines, Garmin G1000 NXi with 3-axis Automatic Flight Control System and optional electrically driven air conditioning.

DA40 NG

The modern all composite DA40 NG's are equipped with efficient, clean and very quiet jet-fuel Austro engines (AE300) and the new Garmin G1000 NXi glass cockpits. With more than 2,000 Diamond DA40's in worldwide service today, many in high utilization commercial operations, the DA40 fleet is proving its durability and safety, day in and day out, every day.

DSIM

Diamond's model-specific flight training devices have been developed by pilots, flight instructors and engineers to create training tools that are second to none. They are built of authentic Diamond aircraft parts, with real avionics, high-end visuals and OEM flight dynamic models for fidelity that is simply unsurpassed. The instructor operating stations are of a caliber that you typically find only on high level full motion airline devices. Designed both for basic and advanced instrument, navigation and procedural training, Diamond Aircraft simulators are perfectly suited for instruction, check flights, screening purposes and skill proficiency tests.

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