PARAGON FLIGHT TRAINING TAKES DELIVERY OF PILOT 100I SN 200, EXPANDS PILOT 100I ORDERS

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Piper Flight School Alliance member Paragon Flight Training of Fort Myers, Florida, has taken delivery of the 200th Pilot 100i produced by Piper Aircraft. This milestone aircraft joins Paragon's fleet of over thirty Piper Pilot 100is and one Seminole. Piper Aircraft has produced the Pilot 100i for four years, and Piper's Flight School Alliance partners value the high dispatch reliability of the platform, which utilizes Garmin full panel avionics, a Lycoming IO-360 180 HP engine, and a three-seat configuration.

The Pilot 100i is classified as a Technically Advanced Aircraft, allowing schools an unmatched level of versatility in flight training. Paragon began taking delivery of Pilot 100i aircraft in early 2022, including SN 100. Now, at the end of 2024, they have received another milestone serial number, SN 200.

Paragon recently finalized another large order for additional Pilot 100i and Seminole aircraft, placing Paragon on the path to becoming the largest Pilot 100i fleet operator worldwide by 2027. These increased orders also support the company's most recent expansion outside of Florida, with its 2024 acquisitsion of Airventures, a flight school in LaGrange, Georgia, outside of Atlanta. The

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purchase follows the company's 2023 entrance into the Georgia market, when it began a partnership with LaGrange College to offer the college's first program in aviation.

Paragon's Pilot 100i deliveries will resume in early 2025 and continue throughout 2027. "Paragon Flight continues to enjoy a mutually rewarding relationship with Piper. We work collaboratively and confidently together as we build up our fleet of Piper P100i aircraft and train the next generation of pilots using this outstanding platform," Chris Schoensee, Paragon Flight Training President, said. "We are incredibly pleased to now have possession of both the 200 and 100 serial number P100i's."

Ron Gunnarson, Vice President of Sales, Marketing, Customer Support, and Quality at Piper Aircraft commented: "It is our honor to partner with well-respected training establishments like Paragon Flight Training as they leverage the Pilot 100i platform to make the most of their operations. We are thrilled to renew our commitment to Paragon through our collaborative relationship and look forward to watching serial number 200 and beyond bring great success to all three of Paragon's flight training locations."

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