

DAHER'S TBM 900 REACHES 100TH DELIVERY MILESTONE

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Daher has handed over the **100th TBM 900**, just 20 months after the latest iteration of the long-running single-engine turboprop line entered service.

Nicolas Chabbert, senior vice-president for Daher's airplane business unit, describes as "symbolic" the 7 December handover to an unnamed US customer. "The delivery confirms that our TBM 900 not only is the fastest single turboprop, but also the fastest-selling TBM ever – as the programme was officially unveiled in March 2014."

According to the latest statistics from the US General Aviation Manufacturers' Association, Daher delivered 36 of the Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-66D-powered aircraft in the first nine months of the year, of which 11 were shipped in the third quarter.

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The 900 is an upgraded version of its TBM 850, itself a refresh of the first-generation TBM 700.

The \$3.8 million TBM 900 was in development for over three years at Daher's base in Tarbes, southwest France. It incorporates 26 modifications to boost efficiency, performance and comfort. These include winglets, a vertical tailfin strake and a new tail cone, a five-blade composite propeller and redesigned spinner, a revamped electrical system and a restyled cockpit panel for increased clarity.

As of 30 November, the global TBM fleet stood at 760 aircraft, says Daher, and had accumulated over 1.3 million flight hours.

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