



TEXTRON AVIATION DELIVERS FIRST CESSNA SKY COURIER COMBI

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Textron Aviation delivered first Cessna SkyCourier twin-engine utility turboprop equipped with a Combi interior conversion option. The aircraft was delivered to Everts Air, an Alaskan-based Part 135 operator serving passenger, cargo and charter needs throughout Alaska. Everts also operates Part 121, providing cargo and on-demand charter throughout North, Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean Islands. The aircraft will join the Everts Air Alaska 135 fleet, which also includes a Cessna SkyCourier freighter variant and six Cessna Caravans.

Lannie O'Bannon, senior vice president, Sales and Flight Operations commented: "The Cessna SkyCourier's new Combi option demonstrates the aircraft's ability to meet the versatile mission profiles of our customers around the world. We are grateful that longtime Cessna customers like Everts Air recognize the value in our products as business tools and their capability in serving customers."

Robert W. Everts, owner of Everts Air stated: "I look at the Cessna SkyCourier as a next generation aircraft for Bush Alaska. The SkyCourier Combi will allow us to be flexible and serve

the unique needs of citizens in remote communities. Along with offering the reliability of a Cessna, the aircraft is highly adaptable and the ultimate solution for air freight and passenger support in Alaska.”

FAA [granted certification](#) for the SkyCourier Combi interior configuration in May 2024. The recently certified option adds more flexibility to the 19-seat passenger variant of the aircraft by allowing operators to modify the interior to accommodate passengers and cargo at the same time. In addition to the existing gravel kit and full freighter conversion options, the Combi conversion expands the aircraft’s utility for diverse global markets and a wide variety of missions, catering to customers such as government bodies, law enforcement, armed forces, businesses and charitable groups.

Cessna SkyCourier twin-engine, high-wing turboprop offers a combination of performance and lower operating costs for air freight, commuter, and special mission operators. It’s available in both freighter and passenger variants. The 19-passenger variant includes separate crew and passenger doors for smooth boarding, a large baggage compartment and large cabin windows for natural light and views. The freighter variant features a flat floor cabin that is sized to handle up to three LD3 shipping containers with an impressive 6,000 pounds of payload capability. Both variants offer a large cargo door and single-point pressure refueling to enable faster turnarounds.

The aircraft is powered by two wing-mounted Pratt & Whitney PT6A-65SC turboprop engines and features the McCauley Propeller C779, a heavy-duty and reliable 110-inch aluminum four-blade propeller, which is full feathering with reversible pitch, designed to enhance the performance of the aircraft while hauling tremendous loads. The SkyCourier features Garmin G1000 NXi avionics and has a maximum cruise speed of more than 200 kts. The SkyCourier has a 900-nautical-mile maximum range.

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