



KLM FLIGHT ACADEMY TRAINING FLEET REPLACEMENT WITH 14 DIAMOND AIRCRAFT

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KLM Flight Academy is committed to greener flight training and has decided to replace its aging AVGAS fleet with state-of-the-art, jet-fuel powered Diamond training aircraft, which are renowned for their economy and sustainability by burning up to 50% less fuel and producing less CO2 and noise emissions. KLM Flight Academy is based at Groningen Airport Eelde. They are replacing their training fleet with 12 single-engine DA40 NG and two additional twin-engine DA42-VI, both powered by the 168 HP jet fuel AE300 from Austro Engine. The firm order will see the first deliveries take place in Q1/2024 and will bring KLM's fleet of Diamond training aircraft to 18 in total (6 DA42-VI, 12 DA40 NG).



Auke Dros, Managing Director KLM Flight Academy, commented: "With the replacement of the aging fleet with twelve DA40 NG and an additional two DA42-VI aircraft, KLM Flight Academy is ready for the flight training requirements of today and tomorrow. The aircraft are quieter, more fuel-efficient and have the latest developments in technology. This means that we can now offer our students even better flight training. The academy also has great interest in purchasing Diamond Aircraft eDA40's once certified to contribute for a better aviation of tomorrow."

Jane Wang, Sales Director, Diamond Aircraft Austria, said: "We are proud that Diamond's Austro Engine jet-fuel powered DA40 NG and DA42-VI are the first choice single and multi-engine trainer aircraft for KLM Flight Academy. The aircraft are the ideal flight training solution for professional flight training organizations looking for safe, state-of-the art, fuel-efficient and maintenance-friendly aircraft, and who want to take care of the environment with the best options available on the market today."



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