



BEECHCRAFT KING AIR SPECIAL “CRIMSON EDITION” UNVEILED IN HONOR OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY

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Textron Aviation announced a special edition 60th anniversary option for the iconic [Beechcraft King Air 260](#) and [360](#) turboprops to celebrate the aircraft’s proud history of being the best-selling business turboprop family in the world. New “Crimson Edition” King Air features a striking new interior and a vibrant red and silver exterior paint scheme, inspired by six decades of legendary Beechcraft customers and operators. The order book is open for the special edition aircraft, with deliveries beginning in 2025. King Air series aircraft has long been a customer favorite since its introduction in 1964. The legendary turboprop is synonymous with unwavering reliability, exceptional performance and unparalleled versatility, earning the trust and preference of operators worldwide.

Christi Tannahill, senior vice president, Customer Experience commented: “The Crimson Edition of the King Air provides customers with an immersive experience that pays tribute to the turboprop’s renowned legacy, while also featuring modern luxuries and upgrades that showcase the aircraft’s ongoing evolution. We’re honored to celebrate a prestigious aircraft that is beloved by so many customers around the world. It’s a visually stunning design and one we believe will surpass

customer expectations. This edition offers customers the best flying experience they expect while paying homage to the King Air's proud, successful history."

New Crimson exterior scheme

One of the first noticeable attributes of the new "Crimson Edition" King Air is the iconic Beechcraft "B" on the aircraft's tail. The exterior paint scheme showcases a metallic-like crimson, silver and black paint scheme. The aircraft's new boarding step has hidden fasteners that create a sleeker appearance for entry, and its graphite silver finish perfectly matches the new exterior and interior.

Stunning custom interior

The special-edition interior is inspired by the King Air's proud history, seamlessly integrating a number of Beechcraft elements like the familiar "B" logo on lower sidewalls and the aft cabin bulkhead panel. The dark leather seats feature Alcantara accent panels and crimson accent piping, while also bringing together subtle design elements to signal the aircraft's diamond anniversary. Charcoal carpeting is highlighted by crimson arcs that complement the aircraft's exterior striping, elevating its luxurious ambience.

More than 7,800 Beechcraft King Air turboprops have been delivered to customers around the world since 1964, making it the best-selling business turboprop family in the world. The worldwide fleet has surpassed 64 million flight hours in its 60 years, serving roles in all branches of the U.S. military and flying both commercial and special mission roles around the world.

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