



# DEUTSCHE AIRCRAFT OPENS DOORS FOR OPERATORS OF THE D328 WITH EASA CERTIFICATION OF IN-FLIGHT OPERABLE DOOR

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Commissioned by NL EASP AIR and AeroRescue, Deutsche Aircraft completed a major development in the multi-role capabilities of the D328 with the EASA Certification for the unique In-Flight Operable Door. Originally conceived and operated by AeroRescue, who since 2009 use a Civil Aviation Authority of Australia STC, Deutsche Aircraft obtained the EASA Supplemental Type Certification for the IFOD, issued on 27 January, 2023. Based on this, existing IFODs can be modified to meet EASA conformity, and the cargo door of any existing D328® can be replaced with an EASA approved IFOD. The IFOD modification also includes the installation of secure handles and attachment points for harnesses and stores, as well as non-slip flooring to ensure the safety of crew members.

Nico Neumann, COO of Deutsche Aircraft, commented: “At Deutsche Aircraft, we are pleased to have achieved the certification. This is not only good for special mission operators of our D328® but also an important potential add-on to our new multirole D328eco.”

Pieter Voeten, CEO of NL EASP AIR, said: “The EASA IFOD certification enables EASP AIR to bring this additional aerial drop capability to the D328, which enhances what is already an excellent and reliable aircraft used in maritime patrol.”

Andy Cole of AeroRescue stated: “This project is the culmination of dedication of all parties involved: Deutsche Aircraft, AeroRescue, and NL EASP AIR who will be the first to operate the IFOD using the EASA certification. This significant capability will enable the D328® to be operated in many more countries around the world in Search and Rescue or other special mission roles.”

Dario Rigamonti, Chief Engineer at Deutsche Aircraft, is proud of his team for this achievement. “The EASA certification of IFOD is the result of dedication and hard work by our multidisciplinary team. This is a further step to providing practical, unique and innovative solutions to our operators, thanks to the versatility and reliability of the D328®,” he remarks.

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