DO228 NXT LAUNCH CUSTOMER ANNOUNCED - NGO ACQUIRES VERSATILE TURBOPROP AIRCRAFT FOR HUMANITARIAN AND SPECIAL MISSION OPERATIONS

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Following the successful first flight and Roll-Out of the demonstrator aircraft of the Do228 NXT series, German aircraft manufacturer General Atomics AeroTec Systems announced the sale of the first Do228 NXT to its launch customer, an NGO engaged in humanitarian operations. The NGO prefers to remain anonymous due to operational reasons. The agreement marks an important milestone for the Do228 NXT program and reflects confidence in the aircraft's versatility, operational flexibility and suitability for demanding environments.

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Florian Rohe, Managing Director at General Atomics AeroTec Systems commented: “We are very pleased that the contracts for the first Do228 NXT have been signed and that the aircraft will be delivered to the launch customer in early 2027. This confirms that the decision to further develop the Do228 NXT and resume production was the right one. The aircraft’s flexibility makes it attractive to customers seeking a robust platform for varied operational requirements. "

The Do228 NXT will provide the customer with a modern and adaptable aircraft designed to support a broad range of humanitarian and special mission requirements.

The aircraft will serve as a flexible platform for search and rescue, medical evacuation support, disaster relief, logistics and transport, environmental monitoring, reconnaissance and assessment flights, coordination missions and aerial support for emergency response operations.

It can also support missions that require operations from short or austere runways, rapid deployment to affected regions, wide-area coverage, and reliable performance in challenging operating conditions. Its combination of short take-off and landing capability, operational efficiency, and ability to perform in diverse environments makes the Do228 NXT well suited for missions where access, speed and dependability are essential.

A representative of the organization said: “Every mission is about reaching people and places where support is urgently needed. The Do228 NXT will strengthen operational flexibility across a wide range of humanitarian scenarios and help us support communities more effectively when time matters most.”.

The Do228 NXT is designed for a wide range of operators and mission profiles, including humanitarian, governmental, parapublic, transport and other specialized applications.

The aircraft will be delivered in a mission-ready configuration tailored to the customer’s intended operational use. Without disclosing specific onboard systems, the aircraft will incorporate modern technology that supports situational awareness, mission coordination, communications and effective response in challenging environments. This approach underlines the Do228 NXT’s value as a robust and adaptable platform that can be configured for a wide variety of tasks while remaining focused on practical operational utility.

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