HONDA, EMBRAER MAKE FIRST BUSINESS JET DELIVERIES

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Honda Aircraft has announced starting deliveries of the HondaJet to customers two weeks after obtaining airworthiness certification.

The initial deliveries to an undisclosed set of customers allow the North Carolina-based manufacturer to meet its goal of handing over aircraft by end-year.

“I hope we soon will begin to see many HondaJets at airports around the world,” says Honda Aircraft president and chief executive Michimasa Fujino.

The $4.5 million light jet with distinctive, over-the-wing mounted engines has been in development for nearly a decade.

Honda also established a joint venture with GE Aviation to complete development of the HF120 turbofan engines for the HondaJet.

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A Level D flight simulator at Honda’s training centre in Greensboro, North Carolina, is now training customers.

Separately, Embraer also has started to deliver the super-light Legacy 450 to customers. It follows a larger, sister aircraft – the Legacy 500 – into service by more than a year.

The Brazilian civil aeronautics agency ANAC awarded a type certificate for the fly-by-wire Legacy 450 in August.

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