THE SAFEST AND WORLD'S BEST-SELLING SINGLE TURBOPROP IS PILATUS PC-12

Leader of Its Class, The Safest and World’s Best-Selling... All this is regarding Single Turboprop Pilatus PC-12!
Extremely high demand, 80 PC-12 NGs sold in 2018. As a result, the PC-12 again claims the title of world’s best-selling single-engine turboprop in its category. One of the reasons behind this success is surely the fact that the PC-12 is one of the safest turboprops ever built, outperforming even twin-engine turboprops in this respect.

The global PC-12 fleet grew to over 1,650 aircraft in 2018. The PC-12 fleet leader has 34,000 hours in the air, the PC-12 with the most landings has more than 46,000! Demand remains high, allowing this Pilatus bestseller to tap into new markets. The PC-12 was approved for commercial use in Europe in 2017, generating a sharp increase in demand in this region in particular. Jetfly Group including Fly7 Management Company alone operates a fleet of 38 PC 12s from its base in Luxembourg. Interest in the PC-12 is spread across several market segments such as private businesses, fractional ownership programmes, charter companies, and for medevac and special missions.

Swiss quality combined with a proven engine

The Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6 turboprop engine is one of the safest aircraft engines ever built – and a proven engine is an absolute must for a single-engine aircraft. Pilatus opted for the PT6 and has demonstrated that this single-engine is a well thought-through, economical and exceptionally safe option. Statistical data reveals that the safety record of the PC-12 with the PT6 exceeds other single-engine aircraft by far, outperforming even twin-engine turboprops.

The high-performance PT6A-67P engine is used at a 65 percent power setting in the PC-12. That means the engine is never exposed to the stressful conditions and high temperatures which it has been designed to cope with at full capacity. This delivers a massive reduction in maintenance and general wear and tear costs, resulting in very affordable operation.

Prestigious customers worldwide
Formula 1 pioneer Bernie Ecclestone and Dion Weisler, CEO of the Hewlett-Packard Company, both accord the PC-12 their confidence. The single-engine turboprop is widely regarded as the world’s most versatile single-engine aircraft and has a loyal client base which continues to grow by the day.

**High residual value**

Pilatus carefully monitors market demand and adjusts production levels accordingly to avoid saturating the market and diminishing our customers’ investment in the PC-12. Independent providers of data services such as Rolland Vincent Associates confirm that the resale value of a PC-12 after five years of operation remains at around 83 percent of the original purchase price. The share of used PC-12 aircraft currently available on the market is not more than approximately four percent.

Oscar J. Schwenk, Chairman at Pilatus, is delighted with the enduring success of the PC-12 and remarks: “I’m very pleased that, once again, the PC-12 is the best-selling turboprop in its class. It is proof of the extent to which our customers accord the PC-12 their full confidence. An original will always be an original! Our goal is to offer the best single-engine turboprop combined with the best customer service in class – now and in the future!”

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