

Program Update: API Blended Winglets for Falcon Aircraft

- ***Over 230 Falcons now flying with Blended Winglets***
- ***Steep Approach Approved for Falcon 900 with Blended Winglets***
- ***EASA STC for Falcon 50 Blended Winglets nears***
- ***Falcon Blended Winglet Retrofits Available in Europe***

Geneva, Switzerland. May 20, 2013 – Aviation Partners, Inc. (API) announced today that its Blended Winglets are now flying on more than 230 Falcon 2000, 900 and 50 series aircraft. The High-Mach Blended Winglets, first certified for the Falcon 2000 series in May 2009, are now FAA approved for all Falcon 2000, 900 and 50 series aircraft, and EASA approved for all 2000 and 900 series aircraft. The 230 plus Falcon aircraft now enjoying the performance benefits of Blended Winglets are split between API retrofits and factory-new LX models.

In addition API reports that it recently received FAA and EASA approval for steep approach operations on the Falcon 900 aircraft equipped with Blended Winglets. The AFM Supplement that accompanied the initial STC restricted steep approach operations; but after flight testing in mid-2012 the restriction was removed by both the FAA and EASA, and a revised AFM Supplement allowing steep approach operations issued.

For Falcon 50 operators in Europe API anticipates EASA certification of Blended Winglets in the coming weeks. API's Winglets for the Falcon 50, which received FAA STC in September 2012, are the same High Mach Blended Winglets currently available on the 2000 and 900 series aircraft. The Winglets provide a drag reduction, and corresponding range increase, of 5-7 percent at typical intermediate to long range cruise speeds. In addition, retrofit Winglets for the Falcon 50 series reduce operating costs and carbon emissions, and provide a dramatic visual enhancement.

Installation of API Blended Winglets on Falcon aircraft is available through API's global network of authorized installers. Retrofits can now be accomplished in Europe at Dassault Falcon Service in Le Bourget, France and TAG Aviation in Geneva, Switzerland. API will be on-site at the EBACE Convention in Geneva (May 21-23) to discuss Winglets for Falcon aircraft, as well as to showcase other current programs and exciting new technology Winglet designs for the future. For more information visit EBACE stand 283 or fly to aviationpartners.com.

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Seattle, Washington based Aviation Partners, Inc. (API) is the world leader in advanced Winglet technology. API's patented Performance Enhancing Blended Winglets™ have been designed and certified for a number of commercial and business aircraft; applications include Boeing, Falcon, Hawker and Gulfstream airframes. Over 5,300 in-service aircraft have saved an estimated 3.7 billion gallons of fuel. In addition to the 5-7% improvement in fuel burn, Blended Winglets have reduced global CO2 emissions by almost 40 million tons. Additional airframe programs are in-development for existing Blended Winglet technology, and future Winglet designs will lead to greater incremental improvements in performance, fuel savings and emissions reduction.

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