

API Blended Winglets Certified for Falcon 900 Series Winglets for Falcon 50 Series Coming Soon

Las Vegas, USA. October 9, 2011 – Aviation Partners, Inc. (API) received U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Supplemental Type Certificate approval for its High Mach Blended Winglets on the Falcon 900 Series on September 2nd. European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) approval is expected imminently. Certification of the Winglets represents the culmination of a two-year development program and exhaustive flight testing, and comes on the heels of a similar certification for Falcon 2000 series aircraft in April 2009.

“With more than 20 commitments received to date, and tremendous interest from operators around the world, this is on track to be our most successful business jet Winglet program ever,” Said Gary Dunn, API Vice President of Sales, **“We have four installations currently in-work, and have six more scheduled to start before year-end. The first two customer aircraft upgraded with High-Mach Blended Winglets, a 900B and a 900EX, are expected to return to service the week after NBAA.”**

Winglets for the Falcon 900 Series are “High Mach” Blended Winglets – this revolutionary new design is optimized for cruise speeds of Mach .80 and higher. The Winglets provide a drag reduction, and corresponding range increase, of 5 percent at Mach .80 and more than 7 percent at Long Range Cruise (LRC). In addition, retrofit Winglets for the Falcon 900 series (the same API-designed Winglets as those installed by Dassault on the factory 900LX and 2000LX models) will reduce operating costs and carbon emissions, and provide a dramatic visual enhancement.

“Anytime you can improve the productivity and performance of an existing asset, while making it more eco-friendly, is a wise investment,” Said Joe Clark, API founder and CEO, **“We are doing our part in a changing world.”**

In addition to Winglets for the Falcon 900 and 2000 series aircraft, API anticipates certification of Winglets for the Falcon 50 family in Q1 2012. API will begin accepting deposits for Falcon 50 winglet delivery positions at the show. Installation is available through API’s network of authorized installers in North America and throughout the world. To see an example of API’s High Mach Blended Winglets for Falcon aircraft, or to schedule a delivery position, visit API during the NBAA Convention in Las Vegas, October 10-12 (booth C8110).

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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 4,900 in-service aircraft have saved an estimated 2.9 billion gallons of fuel. In addition to the 5-7% improvement in fuel burn, Blended Winglets have reduced global CO₂ emissions by over 30.7 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.