

The Falcon 50 Redefined

API Blended Winglets Certified for Falcon 50 Series

Orlando, USA. October 29, 2012 – Aviation Partners, Inc. (API) confirmed today that U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) approval for its High Mach Blended Winglets on Falcon 50 series aircraft was received on September 18, 2012. Certification of the Winglets represents the culmination of an 18-month development program and exhaustive flight testing, and comes on the heels of similar certifications for the Falcon 2000 series in April 2009 and Falcon 900 series in September 2011.

“We now have over 70 ship-sets of our High-Mach Blended Winglets retrofitted on Falcon 2000 and 900 series aircraft,” said Gary Dunn, API Vice President of Sales & Marketing, **“This latest STC approval means that Falcon 50 and 50EX operators can now benefit from this same Blended Winglet technology, and we are already seeing strong interest in the product.”**

API's Winglets for the Falcon 50 Series are “High Mach” Blended Winglets – this revolutionary new design is optimized higher cruise speeds than API's previous Blended Winglet offerings. The Winglets provide a drag reduction, and corresponding range increase, of five percent at Mach .80 and more than seven percent when optimum long range speeds are selected. In addition, retrofit Winglets for the Falcon 50 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.

“The addition of Blended Winglets redefines one of the best business jets ever produced,” said Joe Clark, API founder and CEO, **“The performance and value of a Falcon 50 with Winglets is hard to beat.”**

Installation is available through API's network of authorized installers in North America, Europe and Asia. API will be on-site at the NBAA Convention in Orlando (October 30th through November 1st) to discuss the Falcon 50 series Winglets, as well as to showcase other current programs and exciting new technology Winglet designs for the future. For more information on current and future Winglet plans visit NBAA Booth 5035 or fly to www.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 5,000 in-service aircraft have saved an estimated 3.4 billion gallons of fuel. In addition to the 5-7% improvement in fuel burn, Blended Winglets have reduced global CO2 emissions by over 36.5 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. (* patent #5348253)

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