

Falcon Winglets Turning Up Everywhere

Geneva, Switzerland. May 19, 2014... Aviation Partners, Inc. (API) announced today that its Blended Winglets are now flying on almost 300 Falcon 2000, 900 and 50 series aircraft. The High-Mach Blended Winglets, initially announced for the Falcon 2000 series at EBACE in 2007 and certified 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 nearly 300 Falcon aircraft now enjoying the performance benefits of Blended Winglets are comprised of API retrofits to in-service aircraft and factory-new LX/LXS/S models.

“The Falcon program has been by far our most successful business jet Winglet program to date,” said Gary Dunn, API’s Vice President of Sales & Marketing, **“In just five years since the first Winglet STC for a Falcon model was received almost 40 per cent of the in-service Falcon 2000 series fleet, and approximately 20 per cent of the 900 fleet, is now sporting Blended Winglets,”**

The API “High Mach” Blended 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 airplanes reduce operating costs and carbon emissions, provide a dramatic visual enhancement, and increase airframe resale value.

API reports that lead time for a delivery position is currently running around four weeks, and given the number of new sales so far in 2014 this is unlikely to change soon; as such Falcon owners looking to upgrade should commit early. Installation of API Blended Winglets on Falcon aircraft is available through API’s global network of authorized installers. Retrofits can be accomplished in Europe at Dassault Falcon Service in Le Bourget, France and TAG Aviation in Geneva, Switzerland; and at Dassault Aircraft Services, Duncan Aviation, StandardAero and West Star Aviation locations in North America. API will be on-site at the EBACE Convention in Geneva (May 20-22) 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 API at EBACE (stand #5917) or fly to aviationpartners.com.

Aviation Partners, Inc.

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 5,500 in-service aircraft have saved an estimated 4.25 billion gallons of fuel. In addition to the 5-7% improvement in fuel burn, Blended Winglets have reduced global CO2 emissions by almost 46 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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