

# MiniLiner signs-up for Five more Fokker50Freighters

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MiniLiner of Bergamo, Italy has signed a memorandum of understanding for the conversion of five more Fokker50Propjets into full Fokker50Freighter aircraft. The technical excellence of the Fokker50Freighter: low maintenance cost, low fuel consumption, high reliability and on-time performance, all of which are vitally important over a very long period of high frequency European cargo operations, and the aircraft's unsurpassed payload and range performance are what influenced MiniLiner's decision to increase its fleet of Fokker50Freighters.

FAA and EASA certified two Cargo-Doors Concept with integrated E-class.

The two-cargo door concept of the Fokker50Freighter ensures simultaneous loading and unloading on the ramp, reducing ground time to a minimum and allowing complete stack-up of the seven cargo zones between the 9-G nets from both ends of the plane. This permits loading of very bulky items through the large forward cargo door while the rear 'express' cargo door accommodates Euro-pallets.

The standard package to convert the Fokker50Propjet to Fokker50Freighter version includes the forward large cargo door measuring 2.34x1.77m, the reinforced cargo floor support structure (488 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), the relocation of the batteries to the aft pressure bulkhead, eight 9-G vertical separation nets, including the large forward cargo door 9-G net, window plugs, the modification of the cockpit sliding windows and the full stripping of the cabin resulting in a wider and more volume configuration of 60m<sup>2</sup>. The load capability of the Fokker50Freighter is between seven and 7.5 tons, depending on the aircraft's specification.

Proven structural integrity, high reliability and low cycle cost permit 90,000 life cycles.

Commenting on the new agreement A.J. Smit, CEO of AircraftConversions, says, "We are truly proud with this additional conversion order for Fokker50Freighters from our launch customer, MiniLiner. It clearly reinforces our belief in the traditional technical qualities and superior operational characteristics of

the Fokker50PropJet, which make it the yardstick for reliability, economy and durability in the seven to eight ton cargo segment, flying a useable volume of some 60 cubic meters in a specially designed E-class configuration."

With its FAA and EASE certification, AircraftConversions is the only company authorized to do the full freighter conversions on the Fokker50 fleet worldwide. The full freighter conversion will be done in the Production & Installation facilities at Centennial Airport, Denver, CO, USA.

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