

Full Engineering Go-Ahead for Fokker50Freighter Program

In its strategy to speed up the realisation of their new Large Cargo Door and Class E Cargo Interior Project, AircraftConversions has acquired a Fokker50PropJet fuselage to serve as platform for engineering and installation work on a full-scale "test-article". Simultaneously this will facilitate FAA STC application and EASA validation purposes.

This was recognized as a major and solid step forward in the Fokker50Freighter Program and complements the purchase package recently completed with Branson Aircraft Corporation of Denver, Co., USA, which includes seven new Large Cargo Door units, all FAA Fairchild FH227 and Fokker F27 STC's for the installation of Large Cargo Doors, Class E Cargo Interiors and container roller systems.

Also included in the package are the required substantiating and supporting reports, data, engineering drawing packages, technical documentation and other necessities. A complete set of manufacturing tooling and installation tooling sets, together with a large inventory including actuator motors, jacks, thresholds and other necessities completed the arrangement.

This substantially advances the timing of the program and now allows for a premier Fokker50Freighter Class E Cargo Interior - including hard points for 9G vertical separation nets -, certification and delivery in June of this year.

FAA certification for the FAA and EASA STC's for the Large Cargo Door in the Fokker50Freighter shall take place in close cooperation with New Flight Corporation of Denver, Co, USA. and Silver AeroSpace BV of the Netherlands, which have been contracted to support the certification process.

Slots for Fokker50Freighter Large Cargo Door installation are available from September 1st onward. Delivery of the first Fokker50Freighter is scheduled December this year.

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