



## News Release

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### **Dassault's Falcon 2000LX Awarded EASA and FAA Certification**

(Saint-Cloud, France, April 30, 2009) Dassault Falcon announced today that the newest member of the Falcon family of business jets, the 4000 nm Falcon 2000LX, has received certification from the FAA. EASA certification was granted on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first delivery will be made in early May.

"The Falcon 2000LX offers the lowest operating costs of any airplane in the large cabin class and is an ideal solution for today's challenging economic times," said John Rosanvallon, President and CEO of Dassault Falcon. "It's the most fuel efficient airplane in the large cabin class which means a lower fuel bill and lower fuel emissions. It can land and depart from short airfields so you can land closer to your destination and beat your competition to grow your business." The Falcon 2000LX is even more fuel efficient than smaller airplanes including the newest of mid-sized business jets.

The 4,000 nm range 2000LX offers the same spacious, quiet interior as the 2000EX EASy but the capability to serve a more extensive city pairs. The 2000LX will be able to connect New York to Moscow; Paris to Mumbai; Dubai to London and Hong Kong to Brisbane non stop. It also offers a 10 to 15% climb speed improvement (over the Falcon 2000EX) allowing it to reach 41,000 ft in just 18 minutes. The Falcon 2000LX comes standard with the award-winning EASy flight deck which has won high marks and praise for its integrated features and intuitive displays

#### Joint Efforts

The 2000LX program involved the joint efforts of Dassault Falcon and Aviation Partners Inc. in Seattle, Washington. Dassault is responsible for new production aircraft while Aviation Partners, the owner of the FAA Supplemental Type Certificate, is responsible for the retrofit of in service Falcon 2000 aircraft.

API developed this High-Mach Blended Winglet specifically for the already-optimized Dassault Falcon wing design. Modifications such as reinforcing straps on the upper and lower wing panels and servo actuator door to accommodate the increased loads were needed. The final result is a baseline wingspan for the 2000LX that is six feet nine inches longer than the 2000EX while adding minimal weight.

The Falcon 2000LX is powered by the same highly reliable Pratt & Whitney Canada PW308C engines as the 2000EX. The PW308C is rated at 7,000lbs thrust (ISA + 15C) and recently passed 220,000 flight hours on the Falcon fleet.

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**Dassault Falcon Backgrounder:**

Dassault Falcon is responsible for selling and supporting Falcon business jets throughout the world. It is part of Dassault Aviation, a leading aerospace company with a presence in over 70 countries across 5 continents. Dassault Aviation produces the Rafale fighter jet as well as a complete line of Falcon business jets. The company has assembly and production plants in both France and the United States and service facilities on multiple continents. It employs a total workforce of over 12,000. Since the rollout of the first Falcon 20 in 1963, over 1950 Falcon jets have been delivered to more than 65 countries worldwide.

The family of Falcon jets currently in production includes the tri-jets—the Falcon 900DX, 900EX, and the 7X—as well as the twin-engine Falcon 2000DX and 2000LX.

**API Backgrounder:**

Aviation Partners, Inc. (API), based in Seattle, Washington, is the world leader in advanced Winglet Technology and holds patents for Performance Enhancing Blended Winglets on numerous commercial and business jet models. Over 3,000 Blended Winglet aircraft are currently in-service and have saved an estimated 1.5 billion gallons of fuel and reduced global CO2 emissions by nearly 16.5 million tons.

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