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TBM 850 certified and delivered to Canada

- World's fastest single engined turboprop is attracting new customers in North America



EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI , 27 July 2006: EADS Socata announced today Canadian certification of the TBM 850 and its first delivery to Canada.

“A strong Canadian economy plus an increasing demand for point-to-point transportation results in a good outlook for high-performance aircraft such as the TBM 850. The ability to fly non-stop from Calgary to La Salle or Los Angeles, at jet speeds but with the low direct operating costs of a proven single-engined turboprop are clearly attractive to Canadian pilots and operators” Explained Nicolas Chabbert, EADS Socata’s Vice President of Sales & Marketing.



The first TBM 850 operator in Canada, just flew his aircraft from the factory in France to its new base in Western Canada.



The TBM 850 is available via EADS Socata’s existing direct sales and distribution network, and is supported by its extensive worldwide network of service centers.

EADS Socata is one of the world’s leading general aviation manufacturers, with more than 17,000 aircraft built since its birth as Morane-Saulnier in 1911, which includes the MS 760 ParisJet – the world’s first business jet. EADS Socata manufactures the TBM 850, world’s fastest single civilian turboprop and the TB GT piston touring and training aircraft. It also produces airframes for Airbus airliners (including the new A380 and A400M military transport), the Dassault Falcon 7X, Eurocopter helicopters and Embraer regional jets. The company is headquartered in Tarbes, France, and its North American operations are located Pembroke Pines, Florida. EADS Socata is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EADS – a global leader in aerospace and defense.

