

2007 TBM 850 will feature GMX-200

- **State-of-the art multi-function display for the world's fastest single turboprop.**

NBAA, Orlando, FL, October 17th, 2006: EADS Socata presents at NBAA the 2007 version of its new successful aircraft, the TBM 850. The 2007 aircraft will add a new Multi-function display (MFD), the Garmin GMX 200 as standard equipment. The GMX200 will provide a focal point for the broad range of information already available to TBM 850 pilots, integrating a moving map, radar, traffic and terrain into a single display. In addition the GMS 200 will offer the options of XM weather and JeppView on-route and approach charts. With a high resolution display 20% larger than the TBM 850's previous MFD and a backlighting system offering more contrast under bright sunlight conditions the GMX 200 is designed to improve pilot's situational awareness. "The addition of XM weather and approach charts to the TBM 850 further strengthens the already first class information available to TBM pilots" said Nicolas Chabbert, EADS Socata's VP of Sales and Marketing. "We expect both options to be highly popular with owners". Base price of the 2007 TBM 850 is set at \$2,626,910. A 2007 model with typical customer options and equipped for RVSM (Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum) operation will list at \$2,850,000.

Built on the success of the TBM 700, the TBM 850 offers its pilots and operators a maximum cruising speed of 320 KTAS at flight level 260 (in ISA conditions) combining the cruising speed and trip times of a light jet with the economic direct operating costs, range and useful load of a world-class single-engined turboprop. The powerplant of the TBM 850 is Pratt & Whitney Canada's PT6A-66D, the latest addition to the world's most popular family of turboprop engines, (with over 32,000 engines produced to date). The PT6A-66D delivers 1,825 eshp flat-rated to 850 shp for the TBM 850. Its single-crystal compressor blades enable higher turbine temperatures and coupled with a new first-stage compressor design gives the TBM 850 its enhanced high-altitude performance.

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.