

Nextant Displays Newly Certified 400XT at Dubai

Nextant Aerospace is displaying its newly-certified 400XT at the 2011 Dubai Airshow's Static Park. The aircraft on display contains an optional new interior configuration designed to maximize the cabin's capacity that includes a 60 in divan with four-place club seating providing an addition one foot of leg room compared to the standard design. This, according to Nextant, makes the 400XT "the only aircraft in the light-jet category to offer such a layout."

Nextant, which bills the 400XT as the world's first completely remanufactured business jet, gained FAA certification for the type in early October, and first deliveries began last month to meet a 40-jet order from Flight Options, the second-largest fractional jet company in the United States.

Nextant's 400XT process takes a remanufactured airframe from the Beechjet 400A/XP series and adds new, state-of-the-art systems, including

Williams FJ44-3AP turbofan engines, Rockwell Collins Pro Line 21 integrated avionics and completely rebuilt interiors.

The remanufacturing takes all life-limited components to zero-time status, through replacement or complete overhaul. This makes the 400XT a new aircraft in all material aspects, says Nextant, adding that the 400XT is considered to be a new type in Aircraft Bluebook terms.

Each 400XT is delivered as new with a two-year, tip-to-tail warranty and a full suite of support

services. This includes a national service network to support the aircraft with centers in seven markets around the U.S., as well as comprehensive flight training, including a common training curriculum and a Level D Full-Flight Simulator.

"In developing the Nextant 400XT, we sought to deliver the latest in business jet technology without passing on the cost of 'clean-sheet' design to our customers," says Nextant Aerospace CEO Kenneth C. Ricci. "We have created an entirely new category of business jet with more

range, more speed and greater cost-effectiveness, all at half the cost of comparable planes. The Nextant 400XT is truly 'what's next' – a jet designed for tomorrow's business needs, available today."

Nextant has also opened its first international service center at Beechcraft Augsburg in Germany, which the company says is accessible from many Middle Eastern departure points. The 400XT now has ten service centers globally. —Darren Shannon



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