



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Receives New Diamond Aircraft DA42-VI Fleet

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has completed acceptance of a new fleet of AUSTRO ENGINE jet-fuel piston engine-powered DIAMOND AIRCRAFT DA42-VI with the formal delivery of the last of ten aircraft at EAA AIRVENTURE 2016. Dr. Karen A. Holbrook, Interim President of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University accepted the aircraft, which will remain on display at the Diamond booth throughout AirVenture 2016, from Diamond Aircraft Industries Inc. CEO Peter Maurer.

The occasion was also marked by Diamond's contribution of \$65,000 to top up the existing endowed scholarship fund to \$100,000.

"Scholarship support from industry is a vital part of not only attracting future aviators, but also retaining these

passionate and talented students" said Embry-Riddle Interim President Dr. Karen A. Holbrook.

"With this endowment, Diamond is leading by example. They are proving their commitment to investing in future aviation talent"

The DA42-VI is the flagship of Embry-Riddle's fleet and will be used to provide multiengine training at its Daytona Beach, Florida campus. Compared to conventional AVGAS powered twins, the fleet of 10 aircraft is expected to generate more than \$3 million in fuel savings alone, over the next eight years.

The DA42-VI is the newest version of Diamond's technology leading light piston twin, the first certified general aviation piston aircraft to combine modern technology airframe, avionics and powerplants.

Nearly 1,000 DA42's have been delivered since its introduction 10 years ago, outselling all other certified piston twins combined.

The all-carbon composite DA42's are equipped with efficient, clean and reliable turbo-diesel AUSTRO engines, Garmin G1000 with 3-axis Automatic Flight Control System and optional electrically driven air conditioning.

"We are proud of our long standing relationship with Embry-Riddle and commend them on their vision regarding new technologies," said Peter Maurer, President and CEO of Diamond Aircraft Industries Inc. (Canada). "These aircraft are expected to be in operation at Embry-Riddle through 2024 and as such it was of particular importance for the university to consider the advanced technologies that only Diamond delivers. We are particularly proud of the

exemplary safety record that the DA42 has accumulated in North America."

"Our strong relationship with Diamond within both of our flight programs at our Daytona Beach and Prescott campuses combined with the advanced technology, a shared commitment to being environmentally responsible and the simple fact that our students love flying them makes this an exciting step forward for our university," said Ken Byrnes, Chair of the Flight Department at Embry-Riddle's Daytona Beach campus. "The completely modernized aerodynamics, airframe, jet-fuel piston engines and glass cockpit appeal to the students, while the low-noise signature and eco-friendly design and functionality are important not only to the university, but our local community."

About Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University:

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the world's largest, fully accredited university specializing in aviation and aerospace, is a nonprofit, independent institution offering more than 80 baccalaureate, master's and Ph.D. degree programs in its colleges of Arts & Sciences, Aviation, Business, Engineering and Security & Intelligence. Embry-Riddle educates students at residential campuses in Daytona Beach, Fla., and Prescott, Ariz., through the Worldwide Campus with more than 125 locations in the United States, Europe, Asia and the Middle East, and through online programs. The university is a major research

center, seeking solutions to real-world problems in partnership with the aerospace industry, other universities and government agencies.

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About Diamond:

Diamond produces a full range of high quality certified all composite aircraft including the 2 seat DA20, the 4 seat DA40, 4 seat twin engine DA42 and 7 seat twin engine DA62. Diamond uses proprietary lead-free jet fuel piston engines, made by Austro Engine GmbH of Austria, for the DA40, DA42 and DA62. Diamond applies modern technologies to achieve high fuel efficiency, low noise, excellent performance and safety. Diamond aircraft are flown by private pilots and professional flight training operators and institutions worldwide.

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