

Massey choose Diamond Deal signed with Hawker Pacific at Avalon

FOURTEEN Diamond aircraft will soon arrive at Hawker Pacific's Ardmore Base, ready for preparation and delivery to the Palmerston North flight training faculty of Massey University. The deal, worth close to US\$5m was signed on 10 March at a ceremony during the Avalon Airshow in Australia.

Massey's upgraded fleet will include 12 new Diamond DA-40 single engine four seater aircraft and two Diamond DA42L360 twin engine aircraft. The DA-40s will be powered by the Lycoming IO-360-M1A engine and the DA42L360s, by two counterrotating Lycoming IO-360 (180hp) powerplants.

Hawker Pacific's Senior Vice President for Aircraft Sales and Flight Services, Tony Jones, explained that the University conducted an extensive evaluation program prior to the aircraft's selection and the DA-40 and DA42L360 best met the requirements of their demanding aviation training

program. The decision to purchase was based on Diamond's state of the art design including Garmin G1000 glass cockpit as well as the combination of economy, safety and performance offered by the aircraft. The DA42 also has certification for flight into known ice conditions (FIKI).

Professor Ian Warrington, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Massey University said: "It is a pleasure to be associated with Hawker Pacific and Diamond Aircraft Industries in this transaction. We believe the Diamond aircraft we have selected are ideally suited for our flight training needs. Our students and instructors will appreciate the performance, safety and design of the aircraft and the University will benefit from its fuel efficiency and corrosion-proof

all composite airframe."

The combination of aircraft also offer advantages for transition training. Cockpit layout and handling characteristics between the single and twin aircraft are similar, factors that can significantly ease the progress for trainees to more advanced aircraft.

Hawker Pacific also represent other leading aircraft manufacturers, including Hawker Beechcraft Corporation and Bell Helicopter. They provide integrated civil and military aerospace sales and product support in South East Asia, NZ, Australia, the Pacific and the Middle East. Other

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The Diamond DA-40 powered by Lycoming IO-360.



The Diamond DA-42 powered by two counter rotating Lycoming IO-360s.



Signing the agreement at Avalon were from left: Alan Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Hawker Pacific; Peter Maurer, President of Diamond Aircraft Industries; Professor Ian Warrington, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Massey University; Captain Ashok Poduval, General Manager, School of Aviation at Massey University.



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