EUROPEAN PREMIERE: PILATUS PRESENTS THE PC-12 NG “2016 MODEL”

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Pilatus presented its latest PC-12 NG, the 2016 model, at this year's European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (EBACE) in Geneva.

Already an extremely versatile machine, the PC-12 NG has been improved even further for 2016. The best-selling single-engine turboprop new boasts a fiveblade composite propeller and a variety of aerodynamic enhancements resulting in a higher cruise speed, better takeoff and climb performance and a greater range – all for the same fuel consumption. The PC-12 NG's maximum cruise speed has been increased to 285 knots (528 km/h). The takeoff distance required is just 793 m (2,600 ft) to the 15 m screen height. At maximum takeoff mass the new PC-12 NG is capable of attaining a cruising altitude of 8,535 m (28,000 ft) almost three minutes faster than previous models. The aircraft's maximum range has also been slightly extended to 3,405 km (1,840 NM) with VFR reserves.

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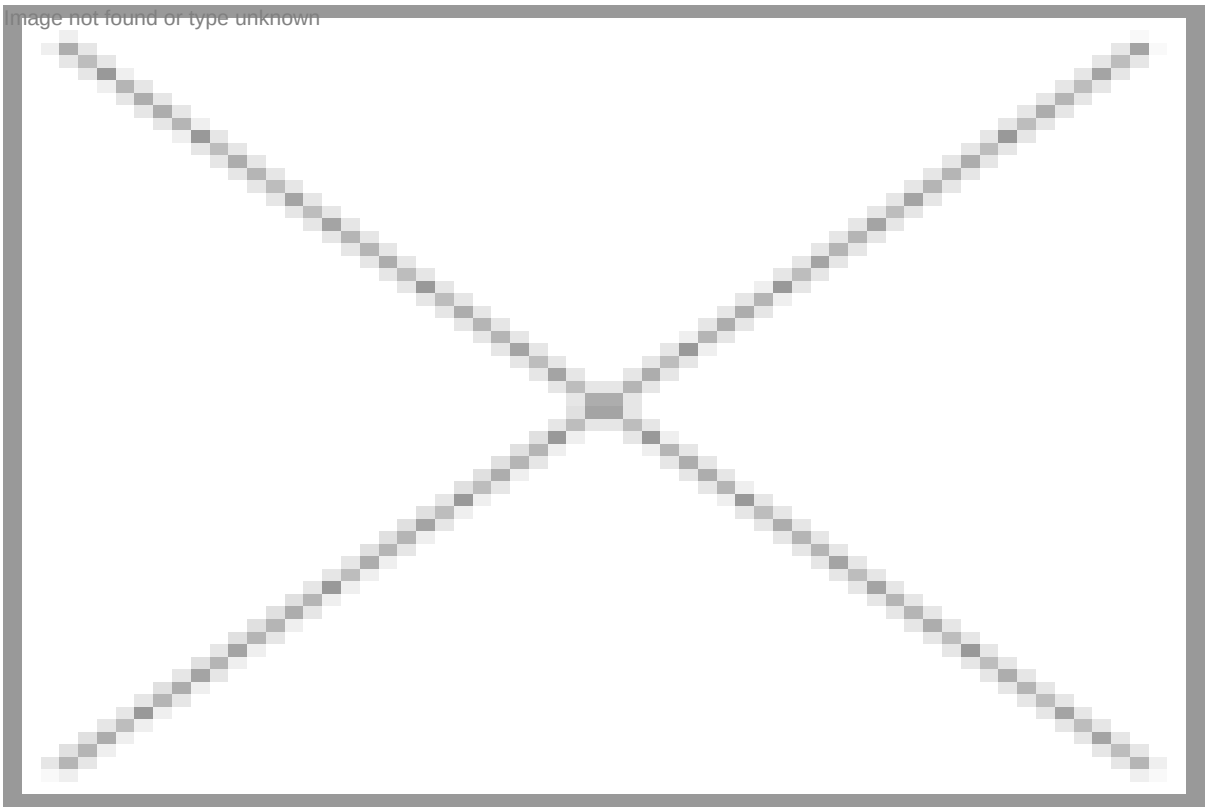

New Designworks Interiors

Pilatus joined forces with Designworks, a BMW Group Company, to create a range of innovative and stylish designs, using new materials and colours, for the spacious PC-12 NG cabin. The two companies have been working together for over a decade, united in their desire to offer customers a choice of modern exterior and interior designs. The PC-12 comes equipped with a toilet, a fully integrated luggage area and a completely flat floor – unlike many other aircraft which have a recessed, tiered central aisle. Passenger comfort is much enhanced as a result. A new five-blade propeller keeps noise to an absolute minimum, making the cabin experience even more pleasant.

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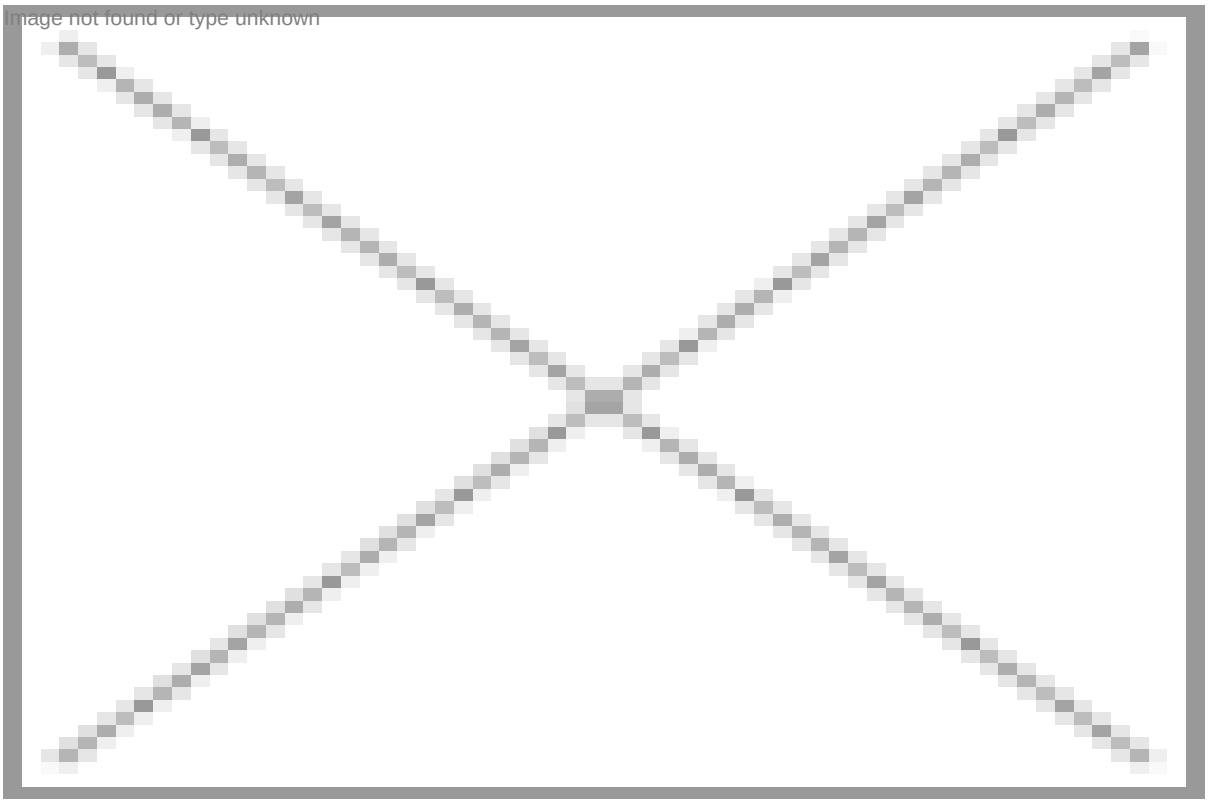

Proven all-rounder

The worldwide fleet of almost 1400 PC-12s has now clocked up over five million hours in the air. With its spacious cabin and unique cargo door, the PC-12 NG is well adapted to a wide range of missions. This versatility is much appreciated by owners and generates a high level of demand for the PC-12 NG.

In the 2015 survey of best customer service conducted by "Professional Pilot Magazine", Pilatus was voted first in the turboprop category for the 14th time in a row. No other aircraft manufacturer in the jet or turboprop category has ever held the number one position for so long.

From the end of 2017 Pilatus will have another all-rounder on the market and a mutually complementary product family: the PC-12 NG and the PC-24 Super Versatile Jet.

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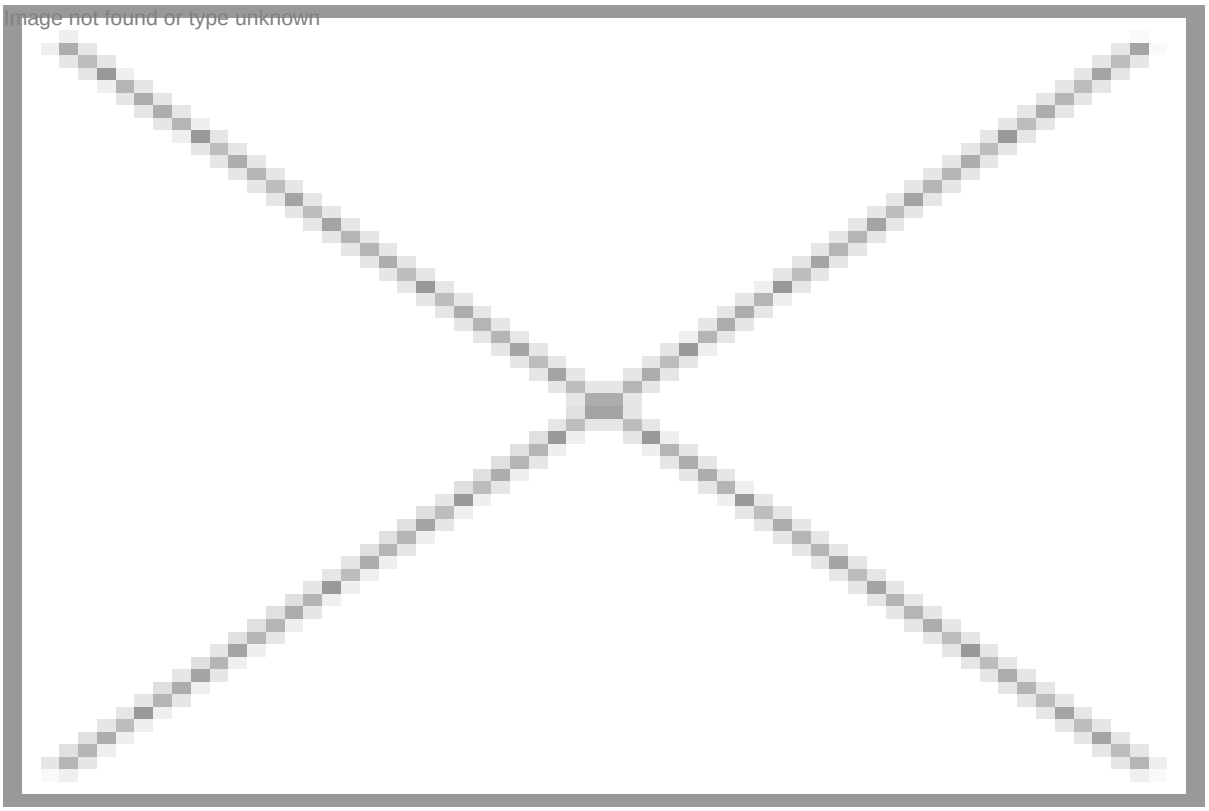

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