



The first-delivered TBM 960 (shown here at the Tarbes, France headquarters of Daher's Aircraft Division) was sold by Rheinland Air Service (RAS), Kodiak & TBM authorized distributor for Austria & Germany.

Digital power takes flight with Daher's initial delivery of its new high-end TBM 960 very fast turboprop aircraft

Friedrichshafen, Germany, April 28, 2022 – Daher today announced the startup of deliveries for its latest very fast turboprop aircraft version – the TBM 960 – which brings the advantages of digital power for enhanced operational safety and efficiency, improved aviation sustainability, facilitated maintenance and increased cabin comfort.

The milestone TBM was received by a German-based businessman, who will operate it for corporate and private trips – primarily in Europe.

This unnamed customer, who owned a non-pressurized single-engine piston aircraft, currently is completing instrument training and will fly with his flight instructor as a mentor pilot until gaining experience in the TBM 960. Factors that influenced his acquisition decision included the flight instructor's recommendation, the aircraft's cost/performance ratio, and the ability to operate from shorter-length airport runways.

"I've always been impressed by the TBM aircraft family's performance, along with its level of safety and the systems – especially the HomeSafe™ emergency autoland," he explained. "There are less expensive airplanes on the market, but none offers so many systems. And I was extremely pleased to learn that I'm the first customer to take delivery of the new TBM 960."

The no. 1-delivered TBM 960 was sold by Rheinland Air Service GmbH, the Daher Kodiak and TBM distributor and service center for Germany and Austria.

Certification of the TBM 960 was issued on March 2, 2022 by EASA (the European Union Aviation Safety Agency), with certification by the U.S. FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) currently underway.

"We thank our customer for his confidence in the TBM and the appreciation of our services," stated Nicolas Chabbert, the Senior Vice President of Daher's Aircraft Division. "His acquisition confirms that the TBM 960's efficiency and innovative safety systems match the expectations of our European customers at a time of sustainable development issues and stringent regulations."

The TBM 960 retains many features of the highly successful TBM 940, becoming the new high-end version in Daher's TBM 900-series airplane family. These features include Garmin's G3000® integrated flight deck that integrates the following TBM e-copilot® functions: icing protection, flight envelope monitoring through the Electronic Stability and Protection (ESP) and the Under-speed Protection (USP) systems, the Emergency Descent Mode (EDM) function; as well as HomeSafe™.

Its primary differences are Pratt & Whitney Canada's PT6E-66XT turboprop engine, combined with the Hartzell Propeller five-blade Raptor™ composite propeller and hub, which are linked to a dual-channel digital Engine and Propeller Electronic Control System (EPECS). Using this FADEC-type functionality, the cockpit's power lever is an e-throttle – with the EPECS optimizing the powerplant's performance throughout the flight envelope, reducing pilot workload by integrating all functions, and protecting the engine's life

In retaining the TBM 900-series' recognized performance capabilities, the TBM 960's digital control also enables pilots to fly with more precise power settings. At Daher's recommended cruise setting of 308 kts., the fuel consumption is only 57 U.S. gallons per hour, which is a 10% fuel economy compared to the maximum cruise setting for more sustainability.


For comfort, the TBM 960's Prestige cabin extends Daher's use of digital power inside the aircraft, featuring an all-new environmental control system produced by Enviro Systems Inc., LED ambience strip lighting integrated into both sides of the overhead ceiling panel, and electronically-dimmable windows – all controlled by a Passenger Comfort Display (PCD). Enhancements in the cabin's style and comfort also include new ergonomically enhanced seats, USB-A and USB-C power plugs, individual cupholders and headset hangers for each occupant.

About Daher – www.daher.com


Daher is an aircraft manufacturer and an industry and service equipment supplier. Daher asserts its leadership in three main businesses: aircraft manufacturing, aerospace equipment and systems, logistics and supply chain services; and achieved a turnover of 1.2 billion euros in 2021. With the stability provided by its family ownership, Daher has been committed to innovation since its creation in 1863. Today, present in 13 countries, Daher is a leader in Industry 4.0, designing and developing value-added solutions for its industrial partners.

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About Daher's aircraft product line – www.kodiak.aero / www.tbm.aero

Daher manufactures two families of single-engine turboprop airplanes: the Kodiak utility aircraft in Sandpoint, Idaho, USA, and the very fast pressurized TBM in Tarbes, France.

The Kodiak 100 Series III is an unpressurized 8-10-seat airplane equipped with Garmin's G1000 NXi avionics, capable of operating on uneven and unimproved runways, or on water in the amphibious version. Its unique combination of robust construction and remarkable 3,530 lb. useful load has resulted in many additional applications for the Kodiak, including special missions, medevac, as a skydiving platform and more.

Current TBM models in production are the TBM 910, equipped with Garmin's G1000 Nxi avionics system, controlled by a keypad; and the TBM 960, featuring Pratt & Whitney Canada's PT6E-66XT engine and a dual-channel digital Engine and Propeller Electronic Control System (EPECS), an autothrottle, Garmin's G3000 avionics with touchscreen controller, and the HomeSafe™ emergency autoland system. Both models offer increased automation and superior performance.

As of January 1, 2022, a total of 300 Kodiak and 1,070 TBM aircraft had been delivered to international owners and operators, with the global fleet accumulating some 2.2 million flight hours.

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RAS is the authorized distributor for Kodiak and TBM aircraft in Germany and Austria. As a long-time leader in European aviation, RAS provides sales, service and support for TBM customers at its headquarters at Mönchengladbach airport.

Rheinland Air Service (RAS) is the largest employer at Mönchengladbach Airport with around 270 full time staff. As a leading European provider of aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) for regional airlines and business aviation, RAS serves a wide range of international clientele. In addition to aircraft sales, support, and refueling, RAS also offers complex conversions for various aircraft, such as special mission aircraft for civil and military purposes. The RAS Group employs more than 350 people at four other German locations.