



From left to right: Hubert Kristen and Peter Dirkorte, owners of the TBM 960 on display at AERO Friedrichshafen, celebrate their new order with Johannes Graf von Schaesberg, CEO of Rheinland Air Service; Nicolas Chabbert, CEO of Daher's Aircraft Division; and Frank Prochaska, Director of TBM Sales at Rheinland Air Service.

Daher signs a repeat order for the TBM 960 with a pair of German customers at AERO Friedrichshafen

Friedrichshafen, Germany, April 18, 2024 – A new TBM 960 order was signed this week during the AERO Friedrichshafen trade show, marking a repeat purchase by two German entrepreneurs for Daher's top-of-the-line member of the TBM very efficient turboprop-powered aircraft family.

On hand for the signature were the two customers, Hubert Kristen and Peter Dirkorte, who were joined by executives from Daher's Aircraft Division and Rheinland Air Service – the authorized distributor for TBM and Kodiak aircraft in Austria and Germany.

Kristen and Dirkorte are business partners from Northern Germany, and they have co-owned a TBM 960 since 2023 for use in business travels between the branch locations of their companies. Their newly ordered TBM 960 will be delivered next year.

“We thank Hubert Kirsten and Peter Dirkorte for their confidence in the TBM 960,” said Nicolas Chabbert, the CEO of Daher's Aircraft Division. “Their new order highlights the TBM 960's benefits as a highly efficient travel solution within Europe for its low fuel consumption and flexibility. This is a response to the current environmental challenges that general aviation faces today on the continent.”

At the signing ceremony, Peter Dirkorte stated: “We chose the TBM 960 for its payload-range combination, which is perfectly adapted for our needs in flying staff members and customers within the ranges required for the planned expansion of our business in Europe.”

Both owners underscored the unique cost/performance ratio of the single-engine turboprop-powered TBM when compared to a jet. They praised the TBM 960's shorter takeoff and landing characteristics, which enable the aircraft to access a greater number of airports.

Hubert Kirsten added that the TBM 960's flight safety-enhancing automation features played a key role in their aircraft acquisition decision. “This includes the HomeSafe™ autoland system. Because we typically fly as single pilots, the integration of autoland in the TBM 960 brings an added element of operational safety as well as peace of mind for passengers.”





Daher is present at this week's AERO Friedrichshafen trade show, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary during the 2024 event. The Daher exhibit in the Messe Friedrichshafen Exhibition Centre (Hall A3, Booth #305) includes the TBM 960's display, along with the Kodiak 100 STOL utility aircraft.

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As an aircraft manufacturer, industrialist, industrial service provider and logistician, Daher today has approximately 13,000 employees for a turnover of 1.65 billion euros in 2023. With its family ownership, Daher has been focused on innovation since its creation in 1863. With locations in some 15 countries in Europe, North America and Asia, Daher designs and develops value-added solutions for its aeronautical and industrial customers and partners.

Daher's Aircraft Division manufactures two families of single-engine turboprop airplanes: the very efficient pressurized TBM in Tarbes, France; and the Kodiak utility aircraft in Sandpoint, Idaho, USA.

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Current TBM versions in production are the TBM 960, with Garmin's G3000 integrated flight deck; and the TBM 910, equipped with the Garmin's G1000 NXi avionics system controlled by a keypad. Both models offer increased automation and superior performance.

The Kodiak versions are unpressurized 8-10-seat airplanes equipped with Garmin's G1000 NXi avionics. The Kodiak 100 Series III is powered by a 750 shp. PT6A-135 engine, with the capability of operating on uneven and unimproved runways, as well as on water in the amphibious version. The Kodiak 900 has a longer fuselage for more passenger room and cargo space, a cruise speed increase to 210 KTAS, and a greater useful load while offering a maximum range of 1,129 nm. Both offer a unique combination of robust construction, STOL characteristics and remarkable useful load, well-suited for multi-mission operations such as surveillance, MEDEVAC, skydiving and more.

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