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EPIC AIRCRAFT RECEIVES FAA APPROVALS FOR THE E1000 GX

Epic's Next Generation Model Featuring the Garmin GFC™ 700 Automated Flight Control System and the Hartzell 5-Blade Composite Propeller

July 15, 2021 — Bend, Ore. — Epic Aircraft today announced it has received FAA Type Certification (TC) for its E1000 GX model, which is the next generation of its award winning Epic E1000.

The new E1000 GX is equipped with the Garmin GFC™ 700 Automated Flight Control System and the Hartzell 5-Blade Composite Propeller, offering improved performance, safety, comfort and versatility.

“The Garmin GFC™ 700 is a truly superior product, offering full integration with our G1000 NXi-equipped flight deck, along with impeccable ease of use and advanced safety features. It’s a perfect upgrade to our world-class line of E1000 aircraft,” commented Epic CEO, Doug King.

The Garmin GFC™ 700 is an advanced Attitude & Heading Reference System (AHRS)-based flight control system, providing flight director, autopilot, yaw damper, automatic trim capabilities, emergency descent protection, coupled go around and more, all intended to inspire confidence and ensure safe, smooth flight operations.

“We are also seeing benefits from the Hartzell 5-blade, including improved speed, climb, range, payload and takeoff performance. Plus, we are experiencing quieter operations inside and outside the cabin,” added King.

The Hartzell 5-blade propeller provides stronger, composite resin-injected blades that allow for a thinner, wider airfoil which optimizes flight performance, offering faster takeoff acceleration and enhanced speed, versatility and comfort.

Epic Aircraft received FAA TC for its original E1000 model in November 2019. Powered by the Pratt & Whitney 1200-horsepower PT6A-67A engine, the all-carbon fiber single-engine turboprop delivers cruise speeds over 333 knots, climbs at 4,000 feet per minute, and operates up to 34,000 feet, with a maximum payload over 2,200 pounds and a full fuel payload of 1,100 pounds.

The Epic E1000 received *Flying Magazine's* 2020 *Flying* Innovation Award, which recognizes the most innovative product to have reached the general aviation market in the previous year. The award will officially be presented to Epic at EAA AirVenture later this month, after being delayed a year due to COVID. The E1000 was also selected by *Plane & Pilot Magazine* as its 2020 Plane of the Year.

The E1000 *GX*, which replaces the original E1000 model, is priced at \$3.85M. Customer deliveries will begin this month.

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