



2010 PC-12 NG Cockpit to feature cursor control device

Pilatus Aircraft Ltd is pleased to announce that the 2010 PC-12 NG cockpit will feature an innovative new Cursor Control Device (CCD) as standard equipment.

Mounted on the pedestal between the crew seats, the new CCD system features an ergonomic palm rest with a conveniently positioned trackball, scroll wheel, and buttons for making selections on the PC-12 NG's two large multifunction displays. The CCD provides a further option for cursor control in addition to the current joystick mounted on the multifunction display controller in the lower center of the instrument panel.

With its Primus Apex avionics system, the PC-12 NG is uniquely suited to integrate a CCD and will set a new standard in its class of aircraft with ease of use and integration typically only found on intercontinental business jets. The comparison is apt because the Primus Apex software was derived from the Primus Epic system and it shares its INAV (interactive navigation) interface. INAV's powerful software enables pilots to control their flight plan, moving map, weather, traffic, and aircraft systems using simple point-and-click actions.

"Imagine using a computer today having to enter all your information using buttons or concentric knobs," said Dietmar Bretscher, Pilatus's Head of Engineering for Corporate & Utility Aircraft. "It would be a challenge until someone handed you a mouse."

The PC-12 NG was the first aircraft to feature the technologically advanced Primus Apex avionics system. It is mated to an airframe and engine that delivers low acquisition and operating costs, a large cabin, standard cargo door, and ability to fly into short and unimproved airfields, making the PC-12 NG a unique solution for a wide variety of transportation needs.

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