

Aerospace

DAHER-SOCATA delivers a TBM-MMA aircraft to Argentina's airport security police

This multi-mission version of the TBM 850 very fast turboprop will perform law enforcement and liaison missions.

Paris Air Show June 2011- DAHER-SOCATA announced the delivery of a TBM-MMA – the multi-mission version of its TBM 850 very fast turboprop aircraft.

It will be operated by the airport security police (Policía de Seguridad Aeroportuaria - PSA), Argentina's law enforcement agency created to protect and guard national public airports.

The PSA's TBM-MMA will support these missions, and includes a medical evacuation capability with a quick-change installation for a stretcher.

"This TBM MMA delivery is the result of our multi-year program to develop a highly affordable, cost-effective airborne multi-mission platform for both security and governmental operators," said Nicolas Chabbert, Senior Vice President of the DAHER-SOCATA Airplane Division. *"It brings together proven systems for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance with the TBM very fast turboprop aircraft – which has an excellent maintenance record, especially in service with the French Armed Forces."*

The TBM-MMA is a multi-mission aircraft, which, in the ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) version, is equipped with a retractable platform, providing a base for the Thalès-made AGILE 2 optoelectronic gyro-stabilized multi-sensor turret (with video, infrared, laser designator and rangefinder). This fully retractable turret can accommodate up to four state-of-the-art sensors, including electro-optical (E/O) or infrared systems, along with a laser rangefinder and a laser designator for marking targets. The device is controlled from a portable console inside the cabin, and is configured to display video images, as well as handle signal processing. A joystick is provided for the operator to control the aiming of the turret. A recording function is also available so that data can be processed in the cabin, or be sent by a data transmission system to an operational Control Station.

About the TBM

DAHER-SOCATA's TBM 850 is the world's fastest single-engine turboprop with a maximum cruise speed of 320 KTAS at 26,000 ft. (in ISA conditions). Both the TBM 850 and the company's TBM 700 combine the cruise speed and travel times typical of light jets with economical direct operating costs, while offering the range and excellent payload capacity of turboprop aircraft. The TBM 700 and TBM 850 fleet now stands at 551 aircraft. As of April 30, 2011, the total flight time of these aircraft exceeded 830,000 flight hours.

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