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Falcon 2000DX Takes Flight

(Bordeaux, France, June 19, 2007) – Today, at Dassault Aviation’s facility in Bordeaux, Merignac (France) at 1:55 PM (GMT+2), the new Falcon 2000DX took flight for the first time. Test pilots Denis Garnier and Herve Laverne were at the controls. The flight lasted 2 hours and 15 minutes. During the flight, the airplane was taken to an altitude of 41,000 feet and exceeded MMO (mach .86) to a maximum speed of mach .89. All systems performed as expected.

“The Falcon 2000DX was designed to fill an important niche in the Falcon product line,” said John Rosanvallon, President and CEO of Dassault Falcon. “We expect a warm market reception for this aircraft and a strong future given its attractive price point and superior fuel advantage it has over the competition.”

The standard equipped aircraft will have the capability to climb directly to 41,000 feet in 17 minutes and offer a low approach speed of 112kts which is ideal for short field landings. The 2000DX will also come standard with the advanced EASy flight deck. Its operating costs are estimated to be 5% less than that Falcon 2000 it replaces.

The 3250 nm range of the new 2000DX delivers the same spacious, quiet interior as its longer range sibling, the 2000EX, but was developed for customers with less extensive city pair requirements. The design makes it the only business jet in its class capable of landing with fuel tanks nearly full. The 2000DX can leave New York for Washington DC and continue to San Francisco without adding fuel. Likewise, the airplane can leave London with four passengers, pick up four more in Paris and continue to Dubai without adding fuel.



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The 2000DX is powered by two Pratt & Whitney Canada PW308C engines, rated at 7,000 lbs. thrust (ISA + 15°C). The PW308C recently passed 93,000 flight hours on the Falcon 2000EX and 2000EX EASy and has proven to be highly reliable and efficient.

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Dassault Falcon is responsible for selling and supporting Falcon business jets throughout the world. It is part of Dassault Aviation, a leading aerospace company with a presence in over 70 countries across 5 continents. Dassault Aviation produces the renowned Mirage and Rafale fighter jets as well as a complete line of Falcon business jets. The company has assembly and production plants in both France and the United States and service facilities on both continents. It employs a total workforce of over 12,000. Since the rollout of the first Falcon 20 in 1963, over 2,000 Falcon jets have been sold to more than 65 countries worldwide.

The family of Falcon jets currently in production includes the tri-jets—the Falcon, 900DX, 900EX, and the new 7X—as well as the twin-engine Falcon 2000DX and 2000EX.

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