



VISTAJET, BOMBARDIER CHALLENGER 350 SETS WORLD SPEED RECORD

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A Bombardier **Challenger 350** aircraft, owned by **VistaJet**, a global leader in premium long-range private jet travel, set a **world speed record** in its class, flying from Napa Valley to the Cayman Islands – a distance of 2,774 miles (4,463 km) – in five hours and five minutes.

The US-registered Challenger 350 aircraft, managed and operated by Priester Aviation**, departed Napa County Airport in California at 8:22 a.m. PDT on October 28, 2015 with three crew and two passengers on board. The maximum cruising speed was M 0.83 at a cruise level of 41,000 feet (12,497 m). The pilots touched down at Owen Robert International Airport in Grand Cayman at 1:27 p.m. PDT with more than sufficient fuel reserves.

“The Challenger 350 aircraft handled beautifully throughout the flight,” said Priester Aviation’s Captain Andy Wegman. “Thanks to its unmatched climb characteristics, we took it straight to 41,000 feet (12,497 m) in under 20 minutes, where we cruised comfortably at ground speeds up to 545 kts to set the record.”

“This achievement is another example of the impressive speed, climb and range capabilities of the super midsize Challenger 350 aircraft,” said David Coleal, President, Bombardier Business Aircraft. “We are pleased to share this honour with our valued customer VistaJet and congratulate the entire VistaJet and Priester Aviation team on achieving this new world record.”

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