



PILATUS OPENS NEW US PAINT FACILITY IN COLORADO

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In response to the growing demand for the PC-24 and PC-12 NGX, Pilatus has opened a new state-of-the-art paint facility at their US Completions Centre in Broomfield, Colorado. Pilatus' latest installation exemplifies their commitment to Colorado, to delivering aircraft of the highest quality and to meeting the latest environmental standards. Pilatus executives, employees, industry partners and invited guests gathered to celebrate the official grand opening of the facility at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (KBJC). Attendees enjoyed a commemorative ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by facility tours.

The 15 million US dollar investment is the latest building expansion for the US Completions Centre, which has been located at the airport in Broomfield, Colorado for more than 26 years. The new facility opens 25 job opportunities with projected growth as the fleet and production continue to increase.

Thomas Bosshard, President and CEO of Pilatus US subsidiary, Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd, emphasised his delight in the rapid growth of the company during the grand opening, stating: “We are proud to continue expanding our footprint and enhancing our workforce here in Colorado to meet the increased demand of the North and South American markets.”



More efficient and precise production

Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd is responsible for more than 60 percent of annual business aircraft sales and deliveries for the Swiss manufacturer. Their recent expansion will not only reduce logistical complexities and costs related to painting aircraft, but also decrease production time.

The 28,445 square foot (2,643 square metre) custom-designed facility features three separate booths, all equipped to efficiently prep and paint the PC-24 and PC-12 NGX from base to finish. The Preparation and Detail Booth will primarily be used to prepare aircraft for paint, while also facilitating detailing, touch ups and silk screen printing of placards.

The Crossdraft Booth will serve as the primary booth for base to finish aircraft painting. The Downdraft Booth is uniquely designed for green to finish painting as well as intricate base to finish paint schemes of the PC-24 and PC-12 NGX.

With production and personnel at capacity, the paint facility is forecasted to complete up to 100 aircraft on an annual basis – the first aircraft is scheduled to deliver as early as this month.

Innovative and sustainable practices

Each booth is equipped with state-of-the-art technology including a 3D laser projector to optimise efficiency and precision. An advanced environmental control system and air-sealed doors and advanced filtration system allow for complete environmental control while processing and recycling used materials.

“Efficiency, innovation and environmental impact were the guiding principles during the design phase”, explains Bosshard. “This investment allows Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd to manage and maintain the high quality standards and procedures set by our Swiss parent company.”



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