

PRESS RELEASE

Diamond Aircraft to offer Centurion 2.0s upgrade to DA42 TDI owners and operators

Friedrichshafen, April 10, 2014 - Diamond Aircraft Industries will include Centurion 2.0s engines in the existing DA42 type certificate, offering owners and operators the possibility to upgrade from their 135 hp Centurion 1.7 and 2.0 engines, up to a 155 hp 2.0s. With this program Diamond supports an existing fleet of over 500 Centurion equipped DA42 aircraft as an additional alternative to the current conversion program. Both DA42 TDI and DA40 TDI aircraft can be retrofitted with the Centurion 2.0s kit. Centurion engines are produced by German-based Technify Motors GmbH (TMG), part of the Continental Motors Group, a subsidiary of AVIC International Holding Corporation (previously known as Thielert). European certification will be granted not later than July 2014. North American validation is planned but pending on demand.

”It is important to offer our existing TDI customers satisfying possibilities for an upgrade”, says Christian Dries, Diamond Aircraft Industries CEO. “DA42 TDI owners now can choose between the original 135 hp Centurion, the 155 hp Centurion 2.0s performance upgrade.”

”We are pleased with Diamond’s decision to offer to our mutual customers the Centurion 2.0s. It represents a major commitment to the existing customer base”, says Ken Suda, Managing Director and President of Technify Motors.

Conversions will be performed by a limited number of authorized centers that will also be able to offer major service work, inspections, refurbishment and other upgrades (like weather radar). Details, including pricing and availability, will be released as this information becomes available.

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Diamond Aircraft Industries is an Austrian-based manufacturer of general aviation aircraft and motor gliders, which also has a large manufacturing facility in London, Ontario, Canada and a joint venture production line in Shandong, China. The company produces a range of light aircraft and has been actively engaged in the development, market introduction and production of state-of-the-art single and twin diesel piston aircraft. The Diamond DA42 equipped with diesel engines is the world's best selling twin aircraft since its introduction in 2004. Diamond was the first OEM equipping its aircraft with Centurion diesel engines.

AVIC International Holding Corporation was set up in 1979, with majority shares owned by Aviation Industries of China (AVIC). Headquartered in Beijing, AVIC International delivered over 147 billion RMB (€ 17.5B) in revenue in 2013. The company has over 70,000 employees across 400 subsidiaries and is located in over 50 countries. AVIC International is a well-diversified company, with holdings in International Civil Aviation, Trade & Logistics, Retail & High-end Consumables, Real Estate and Hotel Management, Electronics Manufacturing, and Natural Resource Development. More information can be found at www.avic-intl.cn.

Continental Motors Group is a subsidiary of AVIC International Holding Corporation. Its mission is to provide advanced gasoline and Jet-A engine products, spare parts, engine and aircraft services, and pilot training for the general aviation marketplace. The operating units include Continental Motors, Inc., Technify Motors GmbH, Continental Motors Beijing, Ltd., Mattituck Services, Inc., and Zulu Flight Training, Inc. with major business operations in the US, Germany and China. More information can be found at www.continentalmotors.aero.

Technify Motors GmbH is the leading producer for certified jet fuel (diesel) piston aircraft engines for general aviation, and has been part of the Continental Motors Group since July 2013. Technify Motors GmbH have a global network of more than 350 authorized service centers to support worldwide customers. Altogether, 4,000 plus Centurion engines delivered to date have successfully completed more than 4 million flight hours. More information can be found at www.centurion.aero.

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