# Jets: 1 Embraer, 2 Dassault, 3 Gulfstream, 4 Textron, 5 Bombardier. Turboprops: 1 Daher TBM, 2 Pilatus, 3 Piper, 4 Textron.

# Embraer wins 1st place in jet division for 2nd consecutive year. Daher earns 1st place in TP support for 1st time. Results are based on 1082 line evaluations and 1257 survey forms received – a 16.1% return.

#### **Pro Pilot staff report** Data compiled by Conklin & de Decker

Quality in aftersale product support is what operators and business owners need for their aircraft in order to accomplish their missions successfully. It's the continuous efforts, diligent work, and focus on customers from OEMs that allow flight departments to achieve flawless operations and meet their goals in the most productive manner.

During these challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic, manufacturers have become more innovative and developed new technologies to address and solve operators' needs, in some cases even exceeding their expectations while providing the high standards of maintenance that are essential for keeping their aircraft in the air.

#### Jets

**Embraer** again takes the lead, keeping its crown for the 2nd consecutive year. Its overall score is 8.43 – down from 8.76 in 2020. This OEM places 1st in cost of parts, tech manuals, tech reps, and service satisfaction categories. It is 2nd in company response time and speed in AOG service, and 3rd in spares availability. Embraer's customer support is available through its Contact Center, Customer Support Management, FSRs, and service centers network.

Dassault earns 2nd place, moving up from 3rd last year. They were 1st in 2019. Overall score is 8.28 this year – up from 8.22 in 2020. Dassault obtains 1st place in speed in AOG service, 2nd in spares availability, cost of parts, tech manuals, tech reps, and service satisfaction, and 3rd in company response time. Best improvement is in cost of parts, with a 6.79 score this year compared to 6.61 in 2020 - an advance of 0.18. FalconResponse, the company's worldwide suite for AOG support service, together with its Falcon Command Center tracking AOG events, are ready to provide solutions for any issues that may occur.

Gulfstream ranks 3rd in 2021 after placing 2nd in 2020, with an overall score of 8.24. Gulfstream takes the 1st spot in company response time and spares availability, and 3rd in cost of parts, speed in AOG service, tech manuals, tech reps, and service satisfaction. Biggest improvement was in cost of parts, with 6.28 this year - a 0.22 increase from its 2020 score of 6.06. With its technicians, service centers, and Field and Airborne Support Teams (FAST), Gulfstream Customer Support is ready to assist worldwide whenever the needs arise.

# 2021/2020 OEM comparison

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Manufacturers	Responses	Compan	ıy respon	se time	Spare	es availa	bility		Cost of parts	
Jets		2021	2020	Dif	2021	2020	Dif	2021	2020	Dif
Embraer	103	8.64	8.96	-0.32	7.72	8.26	-0.54	7.69	7.92	-0.23
Dassault	106	8.52	8.48	0.04	7.98	8.16	-0.18	6.79	6.61	0.18
Gulfstream	170	8.80	8.80	0.00	8.16	8.25	-0.09	6.28	6.06	0.22
Textron	254	8.14	7.96	0.18	7.56	7.65	-0.09	6.12	6.24	-0.12
Bombardier	163	7.74	7.74	0.00	7.27	7.00	0.27	5.91	6.07	-0.16
Turboprops										
Daher	82	9.48	9.33	0.15	8.73	8.63	0.10	7.42	6.26	1.16
Pilatus	50	8.96	9.02	-0.06	8.51	8.91	-0.40	7.12	7.17	-0.05
Piper	17	7.71	7.88	-0.17	8.15	7.53	0.62	6.93	6.94	-0.01
Textron	87	7.98	8.07	-0.09	7.80	8.07	-0.27	6.19	6.24	-0.05





Jet mfrs rated by 100 responses or more. Turboprop mfrs rated by 17 responses or more.

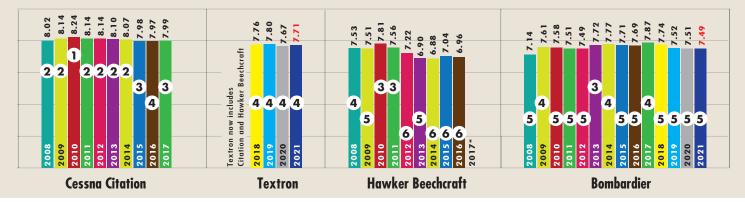
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Jets	2021	2020	Dif	2021	2020	Dif	2021	2020	Dif	2021	2020	Dif	2021	2019	Dif
Embraer	8.52	8.90	-0.38	8.92	9.07	-0.15	8.93	9.22	-0.29	8.59	9.00	-0.41	8.43	8.76	-0.33
Dassault	8.63	8.48	0.15	8.62	8.46	0.16	8.92	8.86	0.06	8.50	8.46	0.04	8.28	8.22	0.06
Gulfstream	8.49	8.51	-0.02	8.55	8.59	-0.04	8.91	8.91	0.00	8.47	8.63	-0.16	8.24	8.25	-0.01
Textron	7.88	7.87	0.01	8.15	8.06	0.09	8.27	8.13	0.14	7.84	7.78	0.06	7.71	7.67	0.04
Bombardier	7.52	7.54	-0.02	7.86	7.93	-0.07	8.37	8.56	-0.19	7.77	7.73	0.04	7.49	7.51	-0.02
Turboprops															
Daher	9.11	8.86	0.25	9.58	9.42	0.16	9.64	9.50	0.14	9.41	9.13	0.28	9.05	8.73	0.32
Pilatus	8.59	8.80	-0.21	8.86	9.05	-0.19	9.24	9.07	0.17	9.00	9.18	-0.18	8.61	8.74	-0.13
Piper	7.77	7.33	0.44	8.00	8.00	0.00	7.87	7.93	-0.06	8.20	8.13	0.07	7.80	7.68	0.12
Textron	7.86	8.19	-0.33	8.17	8.24	-0.07	8.13	8.37	-0.24	8.11	7.93	0.18	7.75	7.87	-0.12

support scores for corporate jets and turboprops

31 years of survey – chart shows only 14 most recent years

# corporate aircraft manufacturers rated 2008-2021

\* No rating for years indicated



**Textron,** including Citation and Hawker Beechcraft, keeps the 4th spot, with an overall score of 7.71 this year – up from 7.67 in 2020. Best increase is in the company response time category, with a score of 8.14 – up 0.18 from 7.96 in 2020. Textron's global service network, 1CALL, parts program, FSRs, and Mobile Service Units (MSUs) are ready to get operators back in the air quickly.

**Bombardier** is 5th with an overall score of 7.49 this year. Biggest improvement was in the spares availability category, where its score increased by 0.27 from 7.00 in 2020 to 7.27 this year.

Bombardier's Support Network, including its Mobile Response Team and service centers worldwide, is always on call to provide immediate solutions and get operators back in the air.

#### Turboprops

**Daher** earns the crown in the turboprop division for the 1st time. Its overall score is 9.05 this year – an increase of 0.32 from the 8.73 scored in 2020. This is the biggest overall score improvement achieved by any OEM in this survey. Daher takes 1st place in all categories. Best category improvement is in cost of parts, with a score of 7.42 – up 1.16 from the 6.26 it received in 2020. This is the largest single score increase in the entire survey. Daher's customer service and its TBM Care are available 24/7 to support customers and TBM operators worldwide.

**Pilatus** places 2nd after being 1st for 19 consecutive years. Overall score is 8.61 this year compared to 8.74 in 2020. Pilatus places 2nd in all categories, obtaining the strongest increase in tech reps, with 9.24 in 2021 – up 0.17 from 9.07 last year. Pilatus 24/7/365 Customer Support & Enquiries is available worldwide to solve any issues operators may have.

**Piper** moves up a notch, placing 3rd with an overall score of 7.80 – up from last year's 7.68 – a 0.12 improvement. Best category increase is in spares availability – up by 0.62 from 7.53 in 2020 to 8.15 this year. Piper also improves in the AOG service category with a score of 7.77 this year compared with 7.33 in 2020 – an increase of 0.44. Piper's customer service center, together with 90 authorized service centers worldwide, are ready to assist and support customers and their aircraft.

**Textron (King Air, Caravan, Conquest)** takes the 4th spot, rounding out the survey with an overall score of 7.75 this year. A score of 8.11 in service satisfaction represents Textron's biggest category improvement – up 0.18 from the 7.93 obtained in 2020. Textron's 1CALL, service centers network, and MSUs are available for operators and their inquiries.

### Methodology

For 31 years, *Pro Pilot* has asked corporate turbine aircraft operators to rate the quality of aftersale service provided by OEMs. We use both paper and electronic forms. For 20 years, jet and turboprop aircraft support have been rated in different divisions. There are 7 categories listed on the survey form – company response time, spares availability, cost of parts, speed in AOG service, tech manuals, tech reps, and service satisfaction.

During April 2021, a target mailing of 7817 survey forms was sent out to a random selection of corporate aircraft operators from the *Pro Pilot* subscription list, plus an additional turbine aircraft operators list. A total of 1257 survey forms, representing a 16.1% return, came back to the *Pro Pilot* office by the July 29 cutoff date. A total of 909 survey forms were properly filled out, which provided 1082 line evaluations – 828 for the jet division and 254 for the turboprop side. A total of 348 were disqualified due to inconsistencies, errors, duplications, or lateness.

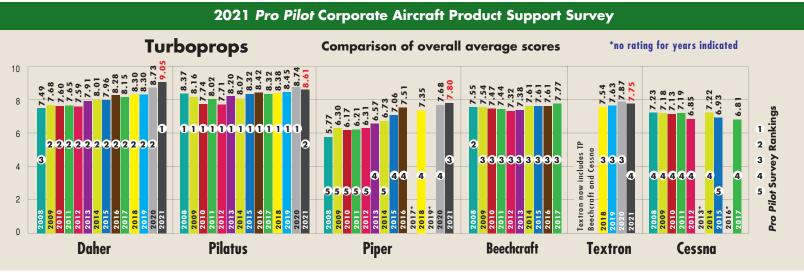
On March 14, 2014, Textron acquired Beech Holdings LLC, the parent company of Beechcraft Corp, thus bringing together Cessna and Hawker Beechcraft under 1 entity – Textron Aviation. Responsibility for Cessna, Beechcraft and Hawker is now under Textron.

*Pro Pilot*'s policy is to continue to rate newly acquired product lines separately for 3 years. Therefore, in this 7th year since the merger, they are now all rated together under Textron Aviation.

*Pro Pilot* rules required a minimum of 100 evaluations to rank in the jet division. A total of 5 manufacturers met the criteria – Bombardier, Dassault, Embraer, Gulfstream, and Textron (Citation, Beechjet, and Hawker). Several other manufacturers received evaluations, but not sufficient to rank in the jet division. These were Boeing (9), Cirrus (3), Dornier (1), Eclipse (3), Honda (6), Pilatus (5), Sabreliner (2), Worthington Aviation/Westwind (1), and other (2).

For the turboprop division, manufacturers required 17 responses for inclusion. A total of 4 aircraft OEMs met the criteria – Daher, Pilatus, Piper, and Textron (Caravan, Conquest, and King Air). Other TP manufacturers that did not receive enough responses for inclusion in this division were Aero Commander (4), Fairchild/Swearingen (2), Gulfstream (1), Mitsubishi (5), Piaggio (5), and Viking (1).

Survey respondents were asked to rate corporate aircraft OEMs on a scale of 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent) within each of the 7 categories. Conklin & de Decker, a JSSI company, acted as research agent and performed independent data analysis.



# JETS

Embraer



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to provide customers with the best solutions. He can be reached at +55 12 3927 3518 or by e-mail at jbordais@embraer.com.br.

We operate a Legacy 500, and I must say that it's an excellent aircraft which is also backed up by an outstanding OEM.

Peter Warriner ATP/CFI. Legacy 500 Chief Pilot Avesco Springsure QLD, Australia

n my opinion, Embraer is on the right way to the top in product support. Newton Monteiro *ATP. Praetor 600* Chief Pilot JAJ Brasil Investimentos e Participações São Paulo SP, Brazil Very impressed with Embraer's support team. They're incredible and extremely attentive. I feel that Phenom 100s and 300s are the best bizjets. Cesar dos Santos *ATP. Phenom 100* Captain TMA Taxi Aéreo São José dos Pinhais PR, Brazil

Excellent response is what I've received from Embraer. I've had this aircraft for about 18 months and have not had the need to replace parts, so I can't give scores or comment on that. However, every other aspect of product support has been superb.

Lance Ferguson ATP. Phenom 300E CEO Commonwealth Eye Surgery Lexington KY

Our Praetor 500 has been extraordinary. Embraer has stood behind its product 100%. Recently we completed an SB to convert a Legacy 450 to a Praetor 500. No other OEM would have done this. It shows a true commitment to their customers. Another OEM would have said "Great, we'll sell you a new airplane!" Amazing customer-centricity!

David O'Malley ATP/A&P. Praetor 500 Member, Managing N583KD LLC Cincinnati OH

#### 2021 scores by product division for jets and turboprops

Manufacturer	Responses	Company response time	Spares availability	Cost of parts	Speed in AOG service	Tech manuals	Tech reps	Service satisfaction	Overall average
Jets									
Bombardier									
Challenger/Global Express	116	7.89	7.45	5.97	7.66	7.86	8.49	7.84	7.59
Learjet	54	7.34	6.64	5.63	7.13	7.82	8.10	7.50	7.17
Gulfstream									
GII–V, G300–G700	139	8.83	8.33	6.40	8.56	8.59	8.92	8.57	8.31
IAI-1125/G100-G280	36	8.53	7.34	5.74	8.03	8.28	8.74	7.92	7.80
Textron									
Cessna Citation	203	8.40	7.88	6.34	8.20	8.28	8.54	8.10	7.96
Hawker Beechcraft*	52	7.10	6.29	5.35	6.64	7.71	7.25	6.85	6.74
* Includes Beechjet 400, Hawker 400,	Hawker 125 serie	s, Hawker 4000,	Premier						
Turboprops									
Textron									
Beechcraft King Air	74	8.11	7.99	6.28	8.01	8.28	8.23	8.21	7.87
Cessna—Caravan, Conquest	13	7.23	6.77	5.67	7.00	7.62	7.58	7.54	7.06

Some respondents rated a single manufacturer on 2 or more different models they operate (eg, Bombardier for a Challenger 604 and Learjet 45). Because of this, there is a small difference between total responses for the overall rankings by type of aircraft rated within the divisions. Embraer Phenom 300 is an outstanding workhorse. It's very reliable and easy to fly and maintain. It's worth mentioning the great work of FSR Andre Seixas, who delivers all his technical expertise in a very personal and friendly way.

Andre Evangelista *ATP. Phenom 300* Chief Pilot MPE SA Rio de Janeiro RJ, Brazil

Product support has been good for us. I wish Embraer had not cut back FSRs and other customer service employees. Edwin Bird *ATP. Phenom 300 & Legacy 500* 

Owner Global Aircraft Consulting Keller TX

Tremendously pleased with our Embraer FSR Alessandro Rossi. He's very useful and always ready to help with any issues, no matter what it takes.

Giuliano Mota ATP. Phenom 100 Pilot Horii Comércio e Empreendimentos Mogi das Cruzes SP, Brazil

Very satisfied with Embraer's tech reps and tech manuals. However, parts availability needs to be improved, as well as overall product support.

Bryan Berkbigler *ATP/A&P. Legacy 500* Captain The Scotts Co Grove City OH

Our Phenom 300E is such a great airplane. I wish Embraer's tech service were better when calling to get some help.

Kelly Ross

ATP. Phenom 300E Aviation Mgr & Chief Pilot Sterling Computers Sioux City IA

Flying our Phenom 100 has been an amazing experience. Embraer's product support is always reliable and available to operators.

Dov Kribus

ATP/CFII/A&P. Phenom 100 Pilot & Maintenance Technician Avery Aviation Management Laredo TX





Dassault Aviation Senior VP of Worldwide Falcon Customer Service & Service Center Network Jean Kayanakis can be contacted at +33 67 506 1747 or at

jean.kayanakis@dassault-aviation.com.

Dassault is superior by design! We're so pleased with our Falcon 2000LX and the product support that comes with it.

Andrew Erdle *ATP/CFI/A&P. Falcon 2000LX* Contract Pilot Brookeville MD

think Dassault does a superb job supporting their aircraft. They're a pleasure to work with whenever we need assistance.

David Nelson *ATP/A&P. Falcon 2000 & 900EX EASy* Chief Pilot Gama Aviation Kent WA

Our flight department has operated Falcon aircraft since 1983. I've been with them since 2000. We replaced a Falcon 50 with our Falcon 2000EX last year.

Sammy Daulong ATP. Falcon 2000EX Chief Pilot JEB Aviation Midland TX Very pleased with Dassault. It continues to set the standard that all OEMs should want to reach. During 2020 and 2021 we've been at 100% reliability. Even in the middle of the night, Command Center has people on the phone who help with any problem. Our FSR David Bollow continues to give great service.

Mark Jones ATP/A&P. Falcon 2000EX EASy Dir of Aviation Neurosurgery & Endovascular Assn Milwaukee WI

assault is by far the finest aircraft manufacturer in the industry. The OEM has improved its customer support immensely, and now its AOG service is the best in the industry. Cost of original parts through Falcon Spares is fair, warranties provided on parts are excellent, and tech reps are very friendly and always available. Also, manuals have improved over the years, and the company is catching up with the industry while innovating with apps and electronic features. Despite all this, however, Dassault's bureaucracy makes all of us dependent on its Command Center, whose responses are normally not immediate. Överall, Dassault aircraft are reliable, sturdy machines. The only weak point lies in the factory-owned centers, some of which reflect poorly on the brand and the manufacturer, but Dassault is working to make improvements in this matter.

Jorge Lara *ATP. Falcon 7X & 2000LX* Flight Ops Dir Corbantrade Quito, Ecuador Falcon Spares continues to strive to enhance customer support initiatives, lower the cost of parts, and increase value to the customer. Tech Rep Tim Adobo is exceptional. He's always available, prompt with responses, knowledgable, and honest The entire DFJ tech support is superb! I wish the TEB (Teterboro NJ) base would look more at the situation, circumstances or scenario, and be more customer-centric with requests. It always has to be a battle. Typically, they always do the right thing at the end, but it takes it out of everyone involved to get there.

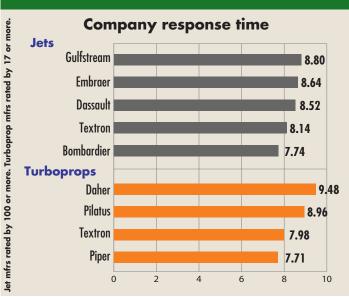
John Alexander A&P. Falcon 900 & Citation Sovereign Senior Aircraft Technician CDS Equipment Cincinnati OH

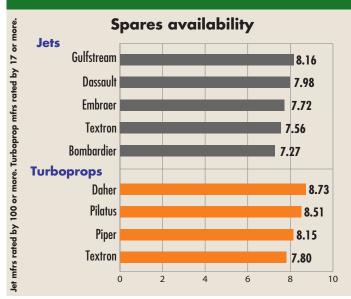
Excellent customer support is what we receive from Dassault Falcon Jet. Our Falcon 2000LXS provides very high reliability. Christoph Probst

ATP. Falcon 2000LXS Head of Training & Captain Bertelsmann Aviation Paderborn, Germany

A irframe has been 99.9% reliable, so we've had very few problems or issues that needed support. Brian Riis *ATP/CFII. Falcon 2000LXS* Captain BostonPost Capital Epsom NH











Gulfstream Customer Support President Derek Zimmerman can be reached at 912-395-0856, or via e-mail at derek.zimmerman@ gulfstream.com.

Very pleased with Gulfstream and all aspects of product support. I believe its service centers worldwide are top notch.

John O'Meara ATP/Helo. Gulfstream G650 President O'Meara Aviation Services Savannah GA

Flying our Gulfstream G550 has been exceptional. Service and support received from Gulfstream have always been outstanding.

William Bergan ATP/CFII. Gulfstream G550 Captain & Check Airman Gama Aviation St Augustine FL

Gulfstream provides great product support for all its aircraft. As with any business jet, I wish cost of parts was more reasonable. Our FSR David Winkler and Regional Sales Mgr Ross Pritchard are top notch!

Rick Stoulil ATP. Gulfstream G280 Chief Pilot Hormel Foods Austin MN As our aircraft has aged, Gulfstream's tech reps and maintenance facilities have gone all out to support our operations. Hats off to FSR Jim Beebe and Service Team Mgr Joe Onesto for such an excellent job.

Richard Ferland ATP. Gulfstream IVSP Flight Ops Mgr Marsico Aviation Englewood CO

What a pleasure to work with the new Gulfstream service center at PBI (West Palm Beach FL). The facility is very nice and customer service is outstanding. They were able to identify a difficult issue and get our aircraft back in service quickly.

Brent Keyes ATP. Gulfstream G550 Dir of Aviation Graham Capital Management Bethel CT

Our Gulfstream G280 TR parts/engineering issue held us up over 2 weeks. But, all said and done, I'd still rather deal with Gulfstream than any other OEM.

Stephen Kosiarski ATP. Gulfstream G450 & G280 Chief Pilot Dominion Energy Chesterfield VA

n my opinion, Gulfstream G650 is a very reliable bizjet. In 6 years of operating it, we've never had to cancel a flight.

João Bonatto *ATP. Gulfstream G650* Captain Aero Rio Rio de Janeiro RJ, Brazil Gulfstream continues to set the gold standard in product support for our operations!

Kenneth Francomano *ATP. Gulfstream G650 & G280* Chief Pilot The Kraft Group Bedford MA

H aving flown our G650ER for just under a year now, I'd like to express our great satisfaction, not only with the aircraft itself but also with the entire Gulfstream product support network.

Greg Dyer ATP. Gulfstream G650ER CAM/Captain Solairus Aviation Tracy CA

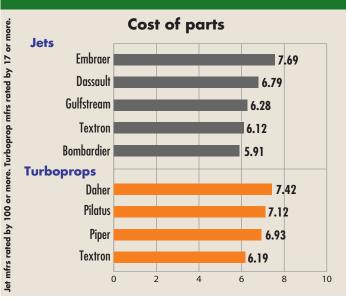
ere in the US West Coast we miss Gulfstream's service centers at LGB (Long Beach CA) and LAS (McCarraran, Las Vegas NV). We are very disappointed that they closed. Many operators based in this area feel orphaned by this decision, in spite of the opening of Gulfstream's service center at VNY (Van Nuys CA).

Morris Silverman ATP. Gulfstream G650 Intl Captain Visa Hayward CA

What can I say? It's a Gulfstream! We've been operating Gulfstreams for years, and their service support and reliability are second to none.

Jeffery King ATP/CFII. Gulfstream G280 Captain Owens-Illinois Swanton OH

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# **Textron Aviation**

(including Citation & Hawker Beechcraft)



**Textron Aviation** Senior VP of **Customer Support** Brian Rohloff is responsible for all aftermarket service and support for Beechcraft and Cessna brands. He can be reached

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lery pleased with our Citation Sovereign+ and product support received from Textron. A US-made bizjet is leading the way! David Kobus

ATP. Citation Sovereign+ Chief Pilot CP Air Kensington CT

extron continues to slam it out of the park with its mobile service units (MSUs). The MSU at LAS has 2 superior mechanics who are true craftsmen. Mesa Service Center IWA (Mesa Gateway, Phoenix AZ) continues to get more business than capacity. You might wait a few days for scheduled maintenance, but they'll get you on your way the day promised. Cost of OEM parts is still high, but now they're trending down.

Patrick Taylor ATP/A&P. Citation CJ3 Dir of Maintenance & Captain Southwest Gas Las Vegas NV

Prices for parts have been lowered in many instances. At the same time, I've noticed a great improvement in response from the manufacturer over the past 2 years. We operators are lucky for Textron's support wherever we fly. Michael Herman

Comm-Multi-Inst/Helo. Citation CJ3 **Owner & Pilot** Bear Air Lansdale PA

Je've only owned our Citation CJ1 for about a year. And Textron Aviation GSO (Greensboro NC) has been great supporting our aircraft.

Corwin Lindstrom ATP. Citation CI1 Aircraft Mgr & Chief Pilot Flying Hare Kernersville NC

'extron service center at MCO (Intl, Orlando FL) is excellent. We're also very pleased with services provided by the MSU teams. They do a superb job. Sidney Lassen Comm-Multi-Inst. Citation CJ1+ Chairman Sizeler Companies Metairie LA

've owned and flown a Citation Mustang for 8 years. It's by far the best aircraft I've ever owned. The Mustang is an incredibly well engineered design, and it's a pity that Textron stopped making them.

**Richard Lemon** ATP. Citation Mustang **Owner & Pilot** MedEx Middleton WI

ouldn't be happier with our Citation Latitude. It's an exceptional airplane, and product support provided by Textron is outstanding.

Gary Sides ATP. Citation Latitude Chief Pilot Shamrock Capital San Angelo TX

ur Citation Sovereign is a great airplane. It operates out of smaller airports, gets to altitude reasonably fast, and has good range. I give our aircraft and the OEM support a 10!

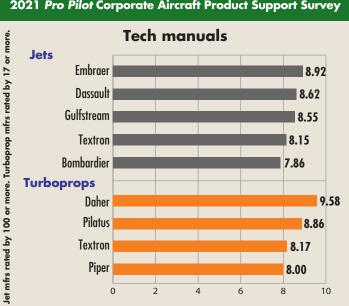
Daniel Carrigan ATP. Citation Sovereign Chief Pilot Mikal C Watts San Antonio TX

ave experienced a good response time on service calls, with minimal downtime. We're very satisfied with Textron's aftersale product support. Thanks, Textron!

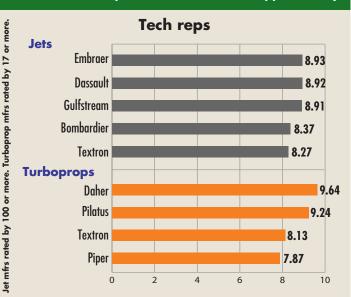
William Hall ATP. Citation Sovereign Line Captain Netlets Denver CO

een flying Citations for more than 26 Dyears, and I must state that the service and dependability of this aircraft have led our company to renew the fleet with the same bizjet manufacturer.

Mauricio Rodriguez Barquet ATP. Citation CJ4 Pilot Westpoint Air San Antonio TX



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We purchased our Citation CJ4 new about 10 years ago. Textron has always been an excellent service partner. We frequent the ICT (Dwight D Eisenhower, Wichita KS) and IWA service centers, and have always had a good experience. If there is any point of contention, it would be with the hydrolock devices installed on the seats. They are expensive and have a short lifespan.

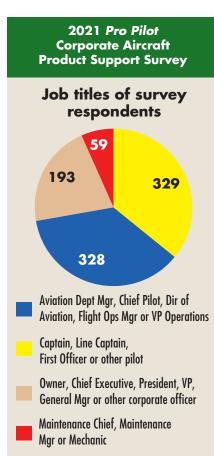
Kevin Savord ATP. Citation CJ4 Chief Pilot Allied Aircraft Santa Ynez CA

Textron's 1Call is just as its name suggests. I only need to dial 1 phone number to get information and be directed to the right people to get our issues solved.

Kent Yeager ATP/CFI. Citation Excel Captain JGB Co Granada Hills CA

Our Citation Latitude is such a great aircraft. It's super popular among owners and pilots, and it also comes with excellent support from the manufacturer.

Rick Henson ATP. Citation Latitude Training Captain NetJets Columbus OH







Bombardier VP Customer Support Anthony Cox can be reached by phone at 438-374-4425, or by e-mail at anthony.cox@aero. bombardier.com.

Very pleased with our Global 6000. It's such a great performer, and it comes with excellent support from Bombardier.

Terry Tripp ATP. Global 6000 Captain NetJets Canton GA

Our Challenger 650 may be an older frame, but it's the most reliable of all of them. It's an excellent aircraft at a fair price and well supported. Daniel Wolfe *ATP/A&P. Challenger 650* VP & Gen Mgr Nationwide Columbus OH

Flying a Learjet 31A has been a nice experience, and the maintenance support received from the OEM has been outstanding. We're fully satisfied with it.

Reinerio Amamio ATP. Learjet 31A Dir of Ops & Chief Pilot Speedy & Reliable Transporter Metro Manila, Philippines Although our Challenger 601 is getting old, it's still flying very well. We're pleased with the product support received from Bombardier.

Lynn Allen *ATP/CFII. Challenger 601* Chief Pilot Allen Aviation Waxahachie TX

Spare parts have been taking longer than usual to arrive due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, this is improving slowly as restrictions have been lifted.

Richard Lane Poole ATP. Challenger 604 Captain Executive Airlines Lusaka, Zambia

We operate a Learjet 45 for our flight department. We find it to be a great product backed up with superb product support.

Lyman Thompson ATP. Learjet 45 & Hawker 900XP Gen Mgr LET Flight Services Grand Rapids MI

I'm very pleased with the service we have received, especially from our tech rep Chris Richards, who unfortunately is retiring. I hope the attention and quick response he gave us continues in the future.

Kevin Williams ATP. Challenger 604 Chief Pilot Smith, Vicars & Company Charlottesville VA



# **TURBOPROPS**





Daher VP Customer & Network Care Charles Holomek is located in Pompano Beach FL. His email is c.holomek@ daher.com. The TBM Care team can be reached at 1-833-TBM CARE during office hours.

For after-hours AOG support, the 24-hr Global AOG Hot Line is 1-844-4 TBM AOG.

Operating a TBM 940 has been an exceptional experience. It's such a great aircraft, and the aftersale support received is excellent. Jim Thorpe

*Pvt-Inst. TBM 940* President Spring Brook Marina Naples FL

My experience with Daher could not be better. I've owned a Citation Mustang, CJ3, and now the TBM 940, and I'm very pleased with our TBM and the outstanding support received from the manufacturer.

Steven Birdwell Pvt-Inst. TBM 940 Owner GTL Aviation Houston TX

A ssistance from Daher in all operational and maintenance matters is available promptly. I'm pleased with flight and maintenance manuals that are all accessible online and without cost. I must add that new aircraft come with a 5-year or 1000-hour warranty that covers annual inspections, all repairs, and the vast majority of parts. Also, a large number of factory upgrades is available from Daher – even for older TBMs.

Ian Fries ATP/CFII. TBM 940 President Airborne Wilmington DE

bought my TBM 930 because of Daher's excellent aftersale service. Bob Verwey *Pvt-Inst. TBM 930* President Owasco Oshawa ON, Canada Ave experience with Daher TBM 700/900 turboprops, and it's been great. I'm fully satisfied with all services received from Daher. Claudiney Vedoveto *Comm-Multi-Inst. Daher TBM900 /700 & King Air 300/200* Pilot Eloi Vitório Marchett Rondonópolis MT, Brazil Daher goes well beyond traditional definitions of customer service to ensure customer success. They look far away on how to maintain the aircraft to serve us. They see what we need to accomplish our mission and make it happen! Lees Pillsbury

*Comm-Multi-Inst. TBM 940* Managing Director Business Management Services Ft Lauderdale FL

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Your views help Pro Pilot have a better magazine for you. Your input helps improve product support from OEMs. Thanks! Eleni Smith, President 00168

## 2021 CORPORATE TURBINE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURERS PRODUCT SUPPORT SURVEY

Your response, with scores and comments, should be based on 1st-hand experience in the past 2 years only.

Rate aircraft in 91, 91K or 135 use, not airline use		Must sh for form to be t		(Poor)	2 3	4	5 6	7	8 9	(Excellent)
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Cirrus Vision SF50	4									
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Abbott Laboratories Senior Aircraft Technician Anson Mount holds A&P and Comm-Multi-Inst licenses and has over 40 yrs of maintenance experience and 1200 flight hrs logged. Based on his experience, he is able to rate the aftersale serviced received from Gulfstream – G450, G550 and G650ER – and Textron – King Air 350i. His survey is 1 of the 1257 forms received for the *Pro Pilot* 2021 Corporate Mfrs Product Support Survey.





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Pilatus is a good company. It helps you when issues arise. The manufacturer has great knowledge of its products and aftersale services. And the fact that the employees have been with the company for years speaks well for Pilatus's leadership.

Bob Wilson *Comm-Multi-Inst. Pilatus PC-12* Owner RAW Inc Memphis TN

n my opinion, Pilatus still does a great job keeping its airplanes flying and its customers happy.

Christopher Anderson ATP. Pilatus PC-24 & PC-12 Captain Joint Implant Surgeons Indianapolis IN

Ave been a Pilatus PC-12 owner for 20 years out of the past 26 years of operations. I'm on my 4th PC-12, and I've loved every one of them. Local and headquarters services couldn't be better.

H Henschel *Pvt-Multi-Inst. Pilatus PC-12* & *Cirrus SR22* Owner H S Air Englewood NJ

Based on my experience, some vendor items are out of the control of Pilatus. That's the reason why you wait for them. However, I must say Pilatus provides great support.

Tim Riley ATP/CFII. Pilatus PC-12 Captain Bay of Dreams Leasing San Diego CA

fly a Pilatus PC-12 for a large air ambulance company. It's an ideal airplane for this mission in this part of the country. The PC-12 is a tough airplane that doesn't break down very often, even though this kind of work is typically hard on aircraft. When it does break down, we can always count on Pilatus to help us solve the problem when we can't just fix it ourselves. The required repair parts are rather expensive, and it can take a very long time to get them in Roswell if they have to come from the factory in Switzerland. However, we always receive the correct repair parts and/or troubleshooting and repair advice that we need.

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Operating our Cheyenne IIXL has been a fantastic experience. We've been pleased with the aircraft and the product support received from the manufacturer. Steve Hahn

ATP. Piper Cheyenne IIXL Chief Pilot River Air Service Omaha NE

Diper's parts availability is good, but the price is usually high - as it is with most turbine aircraft manufacturers - but not outrageous. With the newer Piper M600, availability of some parts from the manufacturer or shops that can overhaul certain parts, such as starter generators, is somewhat limited. This situation causes a very long AOG for even routine maintenance and overhaul. On the other hand, Piper's service center is fantastic! I use Mangon Aviation at O69 (Petaluma CA). They're very knowledgeable on all Piper models, and they're always helpful and give good and balanced advice on how to approach maintenance for our aircraft. The Piper M600 itself is a fantastic platform. Overall, it's very reliable after the initial gremlins.

Derek Choy Comm-Multi-Inst. Piper M600 COO KRMK & Derek Choy Dublin CA



## Textron Aviation Turboprop

ave had very few issues with our King Air B350, and they were solved quickly. I'm very pleased with Textron because parts and service centers are readily available.

Tom Dempsey ATP. King Air B350 Captain MDM Air Marietta OH

Still flying our King Air 350i heavily. It's holding up despite its early days of trouble. We're very satisfied with Textron's service center at IND (Indianapolis IN). The team is prompt and reliable. Anson Mount Comm-Multi-Inst/A&P. King Air 350i & Gulfstream G650ER/G550/G450 Senior Aircraft Technician Abbott Labs Trout Valley IL

Our King Air 200 is 40 years old, so we don't have a lot of interaction with the manufacturer. However, the contacts we've had with them are generally good, except when we deal with cost of parts. It's a good thing there are so many 3rd-party suppliers. Otherwise, operating costs would become prohibitive.

Bruce Rainwater ATP/CFI. King Air 200 Pilot Houston Sigma Richmond TX

We've always received good service for our King Air 300. Randy Mayfield *ATP. King Air 300* Contract Pilot Zofor Taylors SC

Don't have any tech rep we communicate with constantly. However, the Textron service centers in Australia and Singapore provide us with all the support we need to continue operating our King Air 300.

Wilfredo Rebibis *ATP. King Air 300* Flight Ops Officer & Pilot Pacific Global One Aviation Paranaque, Philippines