PIPER M500 AND M350 CERTIFIED WITH GARMIN G1000 NXI

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Piper Aircraft has announced FAA certification of the G1000 NXi next generation integrated flight deck on both the M500 single engine turboprop and M350 pressurized, single-engine piston and is set to offer it as a retrofit option (via STC) for fielded G1000 equipped Matrix, Mirage (M350), and Meridian (M500) aircraft later this year.

The G1000 NXi system features wireless cockpit connectivity, enhanced situational awareness, visual approaches and map overlay on the horizontal situation indicator, among other items. Additionally, faster processing power supports improved map rendering and smoother panning throughout the displays. Optional features such as SurfaceWatch, Flight Stream 510 and improved ADS-B options like the GTX 345 are now all available in the next generation M350 and M500 Piper products.

"We are thrilled to announce the introduction of the next generation G1000 avionics in the Piper M500 and M350, further enhancing their position as the "value leaders" in the market place. NXi equipped M-class products are now being delivered as we continue our focus on completing the NXi STC for fielded G1000 equipped M-class products. This is another example of our commitment to continually upgrade and improve our products and support our customers," said President and CEO Simon Caldecott.

In addition to the M-class and trainer products that are now NXi equipped, the Seneca V will be

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upgraded later this year to the G1000 NXi avionics platform. Piper Aircraft expects to begin deliveries of the Seneca V with the latest in Garmin avionics in Q4 2018.

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