



AW109 TREKKER HELICOPTER ACHIEVES EASA CERTIFICATION

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AW109 Trekker helicopter achieves EASA certification

Leonardo is pleased to announce that the [AW109 Trekker](#) helicopter was issued with type **certification by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)** yesterday. Deliveries will start in the first quarter of 2018. The milestone marks the entry into the market of **the newest light twin-engine helicopter designed by Leonardo**, further strengthening its leading position in a key market segment, in particular to meet the growing demand for greater capability, versatility and cost effectiveness for public services and utility duties.

The **AW109 Trekker**, based on the bestselling **AW109/Grand** range of helicopters, is equipped with skid landing gear and a state-of-the-art **Genesys Aerosystems "glass" cockpit**. The cockpit display system provides pilots only with the necessary information to help reduce their workload while flying in challenging environments and in demanding weather conditions. The **AW109 Trekker** retains the same characteristics of high productivity, excellent performance and flying

qualities, high maneuverability, robustness, advanced navigation capabilities and high inherent safety of the other light twin helicopters produced by **Leonardo**. Power is provided by two FADEC equipped **Pratt & Whitney Canada PW207C turbine engines**.

The **spacious cabin**, the same size as the **Grand/GrandNew**, can accommodate up to six passengers or one stretcher with three/four medical attendants or two stretchers and two medical attendants. Capable of single pilot operation, an additional passenger can be carried in the cockpit if required. The **AW109 Trekker** incorporates **many safety features** including a cocoon-type airframe; crash resistant fuel system, crew and passengers seats, full Cat. A / Class 1 performance in hot environments and a 30 minute 'run-dry' main gear box.

The aircraft is designed with **a modular configuration approach** in order to meet different needs, from single pilot VFR to dual pilot IFR. **A wide range of role equipment** is available including a cargo hook, external rescue hoist, searchlight, external loudspeakers, FLIR (Forward Looking Infra-Red) camera, video downlink, snow skis and emergency floats as well as a wide range of interior layouts to meet various customers' operational requirements. **Leonardo's Customer Support & Training Global Network** provides **AW109 Trekker** operators with a range of Service Plans and a state-of-the-art training capability to maximise operational safety and aircraft availability. The **AW109 Trekker** can be easily configured for a wide range of roles and is the ideal solution for **EMS**, **SAR**, **law enforcement**, **utility**, **surveillance**, **passenger transport** and **government duties**. Orders for over 40 **AW109 Trekkers** have been placed by customers worldwide to date.

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