

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY SELECTS CIRRUS AIRCRAFT FOR TRAINING FLEET

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Western Michigan University has purchased thirty-two TRAC SR Series aircraft as it prepares to expand its College of Aviation. As a long-time collegiate partner, Western Michigan University has leveraged Cirrus Aircraft technology and sophistication for advanced student flight training. Designed as the ultimate ab-initio flight training platform, the technologically-advanced TRAC SR Series boasts an impressive list of features and capabilities that complement the SR20 aircraft's stable flight characteristics. The integrated Garmin flight deck includes two large flight displays, a Flight Management System keypad controller, an Electronic Stability and Protection system as well as integrated engine indication and crew alerting/warning systems – all features found on today's advanced airliners.

David Moser, Vice President of Fleet and Special Mission Sales for Cirrus Aircraft, commented: "We are honored to support one of the largest collegiate aviation schools in the United States with a new fleet of TRAC SR Series aircraft. The TRAC SR Series features an advanced safety and technology suite that continues to optimize how students learn to fly. We look forward to supporting our collegiate partners by providing a platform to train world-class pilots as they

become the next generation of aviators.”

Dr. Raymond Thompson, Western Michigan University, said: “As we expand our College of Aviation, the TRAC SR aircraft becomes an invaluable asset for our students to obtain the transferable skills necessary as a pilot. The TRAC aircraft offers a technologically advanced training platform that ultimately provides them with a competitive advantage in the workforce.”

The interior was designed to meet the unique needs of a high-utilization training environment, replacing the luxury materials found in the SR Series with a durable all-weather floor liner and easy to clean wear-resistant seats. The spacious cabin provides an optimal workspace to learn and train, with more space than typical training aircraft, rear seats for additional students or observers and optional air conditioning for comfort in all seasons. The TRAC Series includes the TRAC20, TRAC22, and TRAC22T.

Additionally, the TRAC Series features a durable all-composite airframe structure with the signature Cirrus Airframe Parachute System® (CAPS®), making the TRAC Series one of the safest and most versatile training airplanes available today. The TRAC Series is further enhanced by a wide array of interactive, tailored flight training content through Cirrus Approach™, including online courses, engaging videos and the award-winning iFOM (interactive Flight Operations Manual) for convenient learning anywhere in the world.

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