



# CIRRUS SF50 JET CERTIFICATION MOVES TO THE RIGHT

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**Duluth, Minn.-based Cirrus Aircraft hoped to have FAA approval for SF50 Vision single-engine personal jet in hand late last year, but now it looks like it will gain certification this spring, the company told AIN late last week.** This delay is partially due to testing of its emergency recovery parachute during the fourth quarter, a process that took longer than expected.

Cirrus currently holds 600 deposits for the \$1.96 million aircraft, which will be manufactured in Duluth but completed and delivered to customers at Cirrus's new "Vision Center" in Knoxville, Tenn. This new facility eventually will include a design center where buyers can customize their SF50s and receive type-rating training in a level-D full-motion simulator built by CAE.

The company announced the jet program in 2006 and flew a non-conforming prototype in 2008. However, the program stalled under the weight of the global recession and did not resume in a serious manner until Cirrus was purchased by the China Aviation Industry General Aircraft Co. (CAIGA) in 2012. The SF50 features an 1,800-pound-thrust Williams FJ33-5A turbofan and the Cirrus Perspective Touch by Garmin that is based on the Garmin G3000 avionics suite.

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