



Press Release

Airways Corporation of New Zealand takes delivery of AT-920 Flight Inspection System

Wellington, New Zealand, April 1997: Airways Corporation of New Zealand, Ltd has taken delivery of a Model AT-920 Flight Inspection System from Airfield Technology.

The new AT-920 system was delivered to Airways offices in Wellington following acceptance testing at Airfield Technology's factory in the USA earlier this year. Training in the operation and maintenance of the new system was provided for Airways flight inspection personnel in the Wellington area.

Airways has outfitted two aircraft for use with their AT-920. Their primary aircraft is a Mitsubishi MU-2, which will be used for routine inspections in New Zealand and the south Pacific. In addition, a Piper Seneca will be used for special inspections where distance requirements permit.

Prior to purchasing the new system Airways contracted flight inspection services from an Australian provider, which was rather costly due to the positioning distances involved and the operating expenses associated with a larger aircraft. Airways expects to greatly reduce their cost of flight inspection with the use of the AT-920.

The first flight inspection mission by Airways with their new AT-920 is currently underway, which consists of a month-long trip to numerous locations in the south Pacific, including the island nations of Fiji, Tonga, the Cook Islands, and other exotic locales.

The Model AT-920 was selected by Airways for several reasons, with the primary concern being able to provide accurate, reliable flight inspection services at an economical price. The AT-920 is a compact and lightweight system that is easily installed in nearly any aircraft, allowing operating costs to be reduced by using smaller aircraft for flight inspection when mission requirements permit.



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