



FAA and EASA Approve Viasat's Ka-band In-Flight Connectivity System for Bombardier Challenger 300-Series Aircraft

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- Certification enables operators of Bombardier Challenger 300 and Challenger 350 aircraft to benefit from Viasat's fastest available download speeds in the super midsize segment
- Bombardier continues to enhance available services for customers via its growing worldwide support network

MONTREAL and CARLSBAD, Calif., April 15, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Bombardier and global communications company [Viasat Inc.](#) (Nasdaq: VSAT) are pleased to announce regulatory approval for the installation and use of Viasat's Ka-band in-flight connectivity (IFC) business aviation system on in-service *Challenger 300* and *Challenger 350* aircraft, for the fastest available download speeds in the super midsize segment. This solution is also offered for new *Challenger 350* business jets, further strengthening the aircraft's winning combination of performance and cabin experience. Supplemental Type Certificates (STC) have been successfully received from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as well as from the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

Viasat first [announced](#) it would bring enhanced cabin connectivity to Bombardier *Challenger 300* and *Challenger 350* business jets in July 2020. Regulatory approval clears the way for operators of those aircraft to have Viasat's Ka-band [Global Aero Terminal 5510](#) installed for a premier in-cabin internet experience over the most heavily travelled flight routes and regions. Installation of the Viasat system will be available at Bombardier's [worldwide network](#) of service centers.

"Bombardier is excited to offer customers the Viasat Ka-Band system, which provides enriched in-flight connectivity for passengers and crew in all phases of flight," said Elza Brunelle-Yeung, Senior Director of Products, Pricing and Digital for Bombardier's Service and Support, and Corporate Strategy organization. "This enhanced connectivity further elevates the unmatched cabin experience and smooth ride aboard our *Challenger 300-series* aircraft."

With recent announcements highlighting the rapid growth of Bombardier's worldwide support network, including in Melbourne and Berlin, the introduction of several exciting new products and services and the latest developments in the [Smart Link Plus](#) program, Bombardier continues to build on its commitment to provide customers with the best service experience in the industry today.

Claudio D'Amico, Viasat's business area director, Business Aviation added, "Achieving STC approval for the *Challenger 300* and *Challenger 350* aircraft enables *Challenger* operators to take advantage of [Viasat's 'no speed limit' Ka-band IFC service](#) —our fastest, most, robust business aviation IFC offering in the super mid-size business jet market. Our service supports business-critical productivity capabilities, including video conferencing and VPN access, as well as simultaneous use of entertainment apps, including video and audio streaming."

Today, the Viasat Global Aero Terminal 5510 terminal communicates with Viasat's ViaSat-1, ViaSat-2 and KA-SAT satellite platforms, and is expected to be forward-compatible with Viasat's next-generation satellite system. Forward-compatibility will allow customers to install the Viasat shipset and subscribe to a Viasat service package today, with assurances that they can access additional satellite capacity and expanded coverage once the ViaSat-3 constellation is launched and operational.

For more information about Viasat's business aviation solutions, please visit: www.viasat.com/business-aviation or reach out to: business-aviation@viasat.com.

For more information regarding the installation of the Viasat Ka-band connectivity system on Bombardier *Challenger 300* and *Challenger 350* aircraft, please contact service_sales@aero.bombardier.com.

About Viasat

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Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to the safe harbors created under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements include statements about the experience passengers and crew can expect on Bombardier *Challenger 300* and *Challenger 350* aircraft; and the forward-compatibility of Viasat's Global Aero Terminal 5510 with its ViaSat-3 satellite system. Readers are cautioned that actual results could differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include: our ability to successfully implement our business plan for our broadband services on our anticipated timeline or at all; risks associated with the construction, launch and operation of satellites, including the effect of any anomaly, operational failure or

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"No speed limits" means that there is no cap set on the speed delivered to a terminal. Speeds may still be limited by terminal equipment capabilities, network and environmental conditions, and other factors.

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