



AEROJONES AVIATION BEGINS SHIPMENTS TO FLIGHT DESIGN USA FIRST CTLS LIGHT-SPORT AIRCRAFT ARE EN ROUTE

South Woodstock, CONNECTICUT / April 1, 2016 — Longtime Light-Sport Aircraft American market leader, Flight Design USA, has reported that the first deliveries of CTLS and CTLSi aircraft have been shipped to leading FDUSA distributor **Airtime Aviation in Tulsa Oklahoma**.

Flight Design USA signed a production and distribution agreement with **AeroJones Aviation** of Taichung, Taiwan to supply Flight Design aircraft and spare parts for the USA. AeroJones is a licensee for the CTLS and CTLSi series with Flight Design of Germany.

“We are extremely pleased to get the first shipment from fully approved and certified producer, Taiwan-based AeroJones,” said Tom Peghiny, President of Flight Design USA. “We have not been able to get enough airplanes to meet demand for nearly two years. With this first delivery of two aircraft to Airtime Aviation, we are going to get things really rolling again in the USA.”

“I recently visited their facility located in Xiamen, across the Strait of Taiwan from their corporate headquarters, and it is a highly professional operation,” said Peghiny. “I went there just before the first container shipment to observe the Flight Design staff from Germany and Ukraine perform the final compliance inspections in accordance with the ASTM requirements for the SLSA approval of those planes.

“The aircraft are Flight Design aircraft in all respects,” Peghiny reported. He noted that the materials, molds, processes and manuals are identical to those used to produce the existing worldwide fleet of CT series aircraft. “The conformity paperwork is approved by the Flight Design engineers and the final FAA 8130-15 Statement of Compliance is signed by Flight Design engineers,” he said.

“We will be present at Sun n Fun 2016 to meet with and learn from the U.S. dealers and customers. We are very proud to see our aircraft come to the biggest aviation market in the world,” said AeroJones Aviation Vice Executive President, Chi-Tai Hsieh. “We have put a tremendous amount of work into this project and feel that the quality of our products will meet with customer’s expectations.” AeroJones has been licensed by Flight Design GmbH to do all fabrication and assembly work needed to serially build CTLS aircraft to ASTM standards.

Flight Design USA and AeroJones will be in Manufacturers Display booth MD-017B (the main manufactured aircraft display) at Sun ‘n Fun in partnership with the Southeast regional distributor of CTLS aircraft, **Americana Aviation**. Americana Aviation is also the U.S. importer for the Vulcanair line of high wing twin-engine aircraft from Italy.

FACTS ABOUT FLIGHT DESIGN USA

Flight Design USA was one of the first businesses engaged in the Light-Sport Aircraft segment created by FAA in 2004. The company, headquartered in Connecticut, has popularized the CT series of aircraft so successfully that it continuously held the number-one position in the LSA fleet market share since the new sector was announced. Flight Design USA earned the second-ever acceptance by FAA for its CT series. Flight Design USA played a significant role in aiding AeroJones Aviation to gain Type Design Approval (TDA) for the CTLS in China. The U.S. company also filled an important position in the development of the four seat general aviation aircraft named C4, due on the market in 2017.

Flight Design USA President Tom Peghiny chaired the important Airplane Design & Production committee of ASTM, the international organization that aided the industry when it developed industry consensus standards for Light-Sport Aircraft now accepted in many countries. Peghiny current serves on the General Aviation Joint Steering Committee (GAJSC), which is deeply involved in ensuring safety. He is also a longtime board of directors member for the Light Aircraft Manufacturers Association (LAMA).

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AeroJones' production line show CTLS Light-Sport Aircraft in carbon fiber.



AeroJones CTLS models in final assembly production line.





Production workers at AeroJones perform all aspects of the fabrication and assembly of CTLS aircraft.



Tom Peghiny (left) review a finished aircraft before shipment to Flight Design USA.