



## HONDAJET ECHELON ADVANCES TO NEXT PHASE WITH SUCCESSFUL WING ASSEMBLY

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**Honda Aircraft Company announced the completion of the first wing structure for the HondaJet Echelon test aircraft, marking a pivotal advancement in the program and moving the new light jet platform into the mainline final assembly phase. The HondaJet Echelon introduces a larger cabin and increased passenger capacity compared to the HA-420, and is engineered to become the world's first single-pilot certified light jet with U.S. transcontinental range\*, extending Honda's award-winning design philosophy into a new segment of the business aviation market.**

Honda Aircraft Company confirmed that the latest assembly milestone reflects sustained and disciplined progress across the HondaJet Echelon development program. With the company now targeting first flight in 2028, followed by type certification and initial deliveries in 2031, the updated timeline incorporates tier-one supplier schedule adjustments and ongoing development activities. These refinements ensure the Echelon program continues to meet Honda's uncompromising standards for quality, safety, and performance.

Structural testing has advanced significantly, with several key component evaluations now

complete. System integration activities are progressing through Honda Aircraft's Integrated Test Facility, where a fully operational cockpit environment is supporting active integration campaigns. In parallel, a second cockpit is being commissioned to validate critical aircraft systems ahead of the test aircraft's maiden flight, reinforcing the program's methodical approach to readiness.

Manufacturing operations have also accelerated. More than 70% of the parts required for the first aircraft assembly are already on hand, and Honda Aircraft has now provisioned over 88,400 square feet of dedicated manufacturing space for the Echelon program. This expanded footprint supports increased production flow, enhanced tooling capability, and the industrial capacity required to advance the aircraft toward mainline final assembly.

Amod Kelkar, Senior Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer and HondaJet Echelon Program Leader at Honda Aircraft Company commented: "The HondaJet Echelon continues to take shape through the dedication and expertise of our associates and numerous OEM supplier partners. Completion of the first wing assembly represents an important achievement as we continue advancing testing, systems integration, and equipment qualification activity across the program. In spite of some schedule challenges, with steady progress towards the final assembly, we are committed to delivering an aircraft that will redefine light jet performance, efficiency, and capability. With more than 530 signed letters of intent, enthusiasm from customers around the world remains exceptionally strong. That confidence reflects the unique value customers see in the aircraft's planned combination of range, comfort, and single-pilot capability. As we achieve each new development milestone, we remain focused on delivering an aircraft that will open new possibilities for operators and owners around the world. "

The HondaJet Echelon is being developed with Honda Aircraft Company's foundational technologies at its core, including the breakthrough Over-The-Wing Engine Mount configuration, a lightweight composite fuselage, and an advanced next-generation avionics suite. Building on these innovations, the Echelon will introduce a comprehensive set of automated and pilot support systems—Auto Throttle, Emergency Autoland, Autobrake, Runway Overrun Awareness and Alerting System (ROAAS), and the Advanced Steering Augmentation System (ASAS). Together, these capabilities deliver an unprecedented combination of size, range, safety, productivity, comfort, and fuel efficiency—setting a new benchmark for the light jet category.

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