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Rabigh Wings Takes Acceptance of Second Tecnam P2006T ME Aircraft

Rabigh Wings Aviation Academy (RWAA), based at Rabigh Airport Saudi Arabia, completed the factory acceptance on its second Tecnam P2006T ME trainer on 3 July 2019. RWAA is the only operational flight school in Saudi Arabia and believes in the concept of modern equipment to train modern pilots.

RWAA was founded by HRH Prince Turki bin Muqrin bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud in 2008 and continues to expand its training capacity to answer to the ever-increasing demand for professionally trained pilots.

This brand-new Tecnam P2006T is a twin-engine four-seat aircraft with fully retractable landing gear and will be the second P2006T aircraft in the RWAA fleet. Its simplicity, great performance, efficiency and ergonomics are what make this aircraft ideal for multi-engine training, as well as cross-country flying. The P2006T offers unbeatable value and innovative design with a modern Garmin avionics suite, integrating all primary flight, navigation, communication and terrain data on two high-definition LCDs. The aircraft is also equipped with an S-Tec 55x high-performance, two-axis autopilot, with advanced features.

Fitted with two Rotax 912S engines, the Tecnam P2006T exhibits remarkable fuel savings and can be operated on MOGAS 95 octane fuel, leading to huge cost savings. At only 160 pounds each, including lubricants and coolants, the Rotax engines are at least 25 pounds lighter than other small piston engines. They are easy to maintain and with a total fuel burn of only about 10 gallons per hour, the Rotax option doesn't demand a large fuel capacity, which provides an additional weight advantage. Combined with a cruising speed of 140 knots, even the modest tanks give a theoretical range of nearly 750 nautical miles.

Acquiring the P2006T will allow RWAA to offer more flight time and a quicker way to move through multi-engine ratings. The P2006T is ideal for flight training, as the aircraft has proved to be very unstressful to fly, the controls are light to operate, and even with one engine inoperative, the pressure needed to cope with the asymmetric thrust is very low.



RWAA looks forward to continuing its relationship with TECNAM Aircraft Industries to further expand its single- and multi-engine fleet.

Willem Marais, General Manager, Rabigh Wings Aviation Academy said: *“The RWAA training program will benefit greatly from our second Tecnam P2006T Twin. Our pilots like flying it, our instructors enjoy training in it, and our student pilots love everything about it. We look forward to adding it to our growing fleet.”*

Walter Da Costa, Global Sales & Marketing Director, said: *“We are extremely proud to partner with Rabigh Wings Aviation Academy. The team at RWAA are very committed to providing the best possible aircraft for pilot training and that's exactly what the P2006T Twin is known for — being the world's most reputable twin-engine aeroplane. We wish them continued success in the future.”*

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Costruzioni Aeronautiche **TECNAM** was established in March 1986 and now operates in three production facilities. The Casoria facility is located adjacent to Naples' Capodichino Airport, while the main factory is next to the “Oreste Salomone” Airport in Capua. Recently a new facility was established in Sebring, Florida, USA and in Australia to serve and support the needs of Tecnam's local owners and operators.

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About Rabigh Wings Aviation Academy

Rabigh Wings Aviation Academy (RWAA) is an internationally recognized flight academy located at Rabigh Airport, just to the North of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The academy was inaugurated by HRH Prince Turki bin Muqrin on 5 April 2008, with a paid-up capital of 20 Million Saudi Riyal, as the first aviation academy in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regulated by the General Civil Aviation Authority.

RWAA operates a fleet of aircraft and simulators to suit its needs, mainly single-engine-piston aircraft, while the multi-engine fleet consists of the ultra-modern Tecnam P2006T twin-engine trainers. All aircraft are fitted with Garmin 500 or Garmin 1000 glass cockpits, giving cadets exposure to the most modern technology.

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