# INTRODUCING The Blackhawk XR Upgrade Kit



**GOVERNMENT, MILITARY, AND SPECIAL MISSION OPERATORS**Improved Performance, Operational Flexibility, and Endurance







# WHY BLACKHAWK?

Blackhawk Aerospace has over 20 years of aircraft performance experience supporting civil, military, and government flight operations.

We understand the unique requirements of special mission flying, and designed our XR Upgrade Kit to perform in every challenging ISR environment.

# **SPECIAL MISSION FLYING**

## **Backed by Blackhawk**

The XR Upgrade transforms a King Air 350 into the most capable and efficient King Air — no matter the mission. The complete XR Upgrade kit features powerful Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-67A engines, lightweight 5-blade natural composite MT Propellers, CenTex Aerospace Saddle Tanks, heavyweight landing gear, high flotation tires, fully enclosed landing gear doors, a maritime rudder, and the True Blue Power TB44 lithium-ion battery.



# **INCREASED LOITER TIME**



#### Conclusion

The XR Upgrade Kit delivers more than an hour increase in loiter time from a 5000' airport at ISA +25° C.

#### Conditions

Airport Elevation: 5,000' at ISA +25° C Max. Weight to Achieve Climb Req. Loiter Speed 130 KIAS 45 min Reserve Fuel







Quiet, 5 Blade MT natural composite propellers; reduce cabin and exterior noise by at least 5 dBA helping to improve stealth operations

24 % INCREASE IN HORSEPOWER at typical loiter altitudes

Each of the two factory-new Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-67A 1200-shaft horsepower (SHP) engines are flat rated to 1050 SHP with a larger compressor that produces higher thermodynamic horsepower output especially at higher cruise altitudes. This extra horsepower capability will improve first, second, and third segment climb while increasing the single-engine service ceiling, improving takeoff performance in high and hot conditions, and supporting expanded pilot capabilities in emergency flight scenarios.

# UPGRADE KIT INCLUDES

**Heavy Duty** 

Heavyweight landing gear and high-float tires

increase max gross weight to 16,500 lb

- Two factory-new Pratt & Whitney Canada (P&WC)
   PT6A-67A engines
- P&WC enhanced new-engine warranty of 2,500 hours/ 5 years with prorated coverage to the the 3,600 TBOs
- FOD-resistant quiet MT composite props
- Heavyweight landing gear, high-float tires, and fullyenclosed landing gear doors increases max gross weight to 16,500 lb
- TB44 True Blue Power lithium-ion battery provides up to 4x longer battery life along with significantly increased cranking amps
- Os Lightweight CenTex Aerospace Saddle Tanks
- All mandatory and optional Service Bulletins
- Blackhawk lifetime customer support guarantee

# **TRANSFORM YOUR KING AIR 350**

breaks from the elements



Endurance

Added fuel and powe for improved time on station



**High Flotation Gear Doors** 

Fully-enclosed Raisbeck landing gear doors reduce drag

and increase loiter time while protecting wheels, tires, and

190 Gallon Total Capacity
Lightweight CenTex Aerospace Saddle Tanks provide

more efficiency gains and improves overall

endurance and range

Low-Cost
Turn-key aircraft
acquisition and fleet
sustainability



Takeoff
MTOW of 16,500 lb
even in extreme
conditions





Weight

Additional 220 lb of available mission payload





# **FAOs**

#### Q. HOW LONG CAN THE XR-EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT STAY ON STATION?

A. The XR's ability to takeoff with full fuel loads at airfields with high pressure altitudes and hot temperatures ensures it can provide over 9 hours of loiter time with a 45-minute reserve, every time.

### Q. WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE TO UPGRADE AS OPPOSED TO BUYING A NEW COMPARABLE AIRCRAFT?

A. The XR Kit offers the flexibility to purchase a used King Air 350 - at any age or price point and elevate it to standards better than a factory-new aircraft. The combined cost of the XR Kit plus a used King Air 350 is at a price point that allows the operator to have the winning edge in government-contracted flying operations.

#### Q. DOES THE XR KIT GIVE THE OPERATOR ANY WEIGHT BENEFITS?

A. The XR Kit delivers significant weight savings providing the operator with 220 lbs additional payload capability due to lighter-weight MT composite propellers, True Blue Power TB44 Lithium-ion battery, and CenTex Aerospace Saddle Tanks.

#### Q. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO BE MISSION READY?

A. Blackhawk stocks kits to be available for immediate aircraft installation eliminating the wait on long-lead deliveries from the factory. Installation can take between 4-6 weeks depending on current aircraft configuration and installation shop capacity.

#### Q. WON'T I BURN MORE FUEL?

A. Yes, the fuel burn is greater at equal altitude. However, taking advantage of the increased climb performance and higher cruise speeds significantly narrows the total fuel burn for a given special mission sortie at higher altitudes.



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