

PRESS RELEASE

BLR Announces Whisper Prop Supplement Type Certificate for Beech 1900 C/D Owners

BLR has added MT Propeller's newly EASA and Transport Canada certified Beech 1900 C/D Propeller to its expanding propeller product line. The company is currently executing testing for the U.S. FAA STC which is expected to be issued by the end of year.

The Beech 1900 C/D Whisper Prop is manufactured by MT Propeller, the world's most innovative aircraft propeller company. The Whisper Prop's 5 bladed modern design features the smallest diameter, quietest and the most advanced composite propeller on the market. They are constructed with a natural composite core that is covered with carbon and fiberglass skins. The Whisper Prop blade diameter is 7% smaller than the Hartzell blade and each blade is finished with a nickel cobalt leading edge, three times harder than aluminum, providing unsurpassed erosion and damage resistance.

The composite core in the Whisper Prop decreases vibration by more than 50% allowing for a significantly quieter and smoother flight. Unlike its counterpart made from aluminum or as a foam core composite, the Whisper Props natural composite core wrapped in carbon skins guarantees unlimited blade life and in-service field repairs. The 7% reduction in blade length allows operators to experience fewer Foreign Object Damage (FOD) occurrences reducing aircraft downtime. Most repairs can be performed infield without blade removal as is required for traditional composite propellers, providing operators with reduced maintenance cost and improved aircraft availability. And with the Whisper Prop there are no ground RPM limitations.

1900 C/D owner Michael Dancy, CEO of Alpine in Provo, Utah is the first North American Operator to install the BLR Whisper Prop on his 1900D aircraft, the company announced today.

"We are proud to be able to provide 1900 C/D aircraft owners like Michael with a better performing and more cost-effective propeller. We congratulate Michael and MT-Propeller on this truly exciting milestone," said BLR President Mike Carpenter.

"The Whisper Props have been a game changer to me in comfort and confidence," Dancy said. "We have noticed a significant reduction in cabin noise and vibration, making the flights much more comfortable. Our operating schedule does not allow for aircraft down time, the reduction in blade damage due to the shorter diameter along with the nickel leading edge, and easy in-service field repairs will give us the improved dispatch reliability we need. I have confidence that my investment in these new propellers will provide a positive return for our operations." Dancy continued by noting the 5 bladed modern design of propellers are just plain "cool".

BLR will exhibit their Whisper Prop for their King Air series during NBAA Oct. 22-24, booth C11430 in Las Vegas. BLR is encouraging customers to contact BLR to request performance information and pricing by visiting our booth, calling BLR at 425 405 4776 or by visiting BLRAerospace.com.

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