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Cessna Citation Mustang Sets First NAA Record for Very Light Jet Category

The Citation Mustang logged another first for Cessna Aircraft Company, a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, by becoming the first very light jet to earn a certificate of record from the National Aeronautic Association (NAA).

Cessna set the U.S. national record for Speed Over a Recognized Course in the new category of Class C, Aeroplanes, Very Light Jets. The accomplishment occurred on Sept. 22, 2007, when the Mustang honored the 60th year of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) meeting and convention by flying from New York (the site of the first meeting in 1947) to Atlanta (the site of the 2007 convention, Sept. 25-27).

The flight took 2 hours, 23 minutes, 44 seconds with an average speed of 318.87 miles per hour. NAA's Very Light Jet class comprises jets weighing less than 10,000 pounds and carrying at least four passengers.

Jim Perry, Cessna senior demo pilot, and Bob Stangarone, Cessna's vice president of corporate communications piloted the aircraft. Also on board were NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen; Pat Epps of Atlanta-based Epps Aviation, whose father, Ben T. Epps, built and piloted the first powered aircraft in Georgia 100 years ago; and Jamail Larkins, a Georgia resident made famous for obtaining his pilot's license at 14 and then becoming the first ambassador for aviation and space education for the FAA.

The Citation Mustang became the first of a new category of entry-level jets to achieve full certification from the Federal Aviation Administration (September 2006) and the European Aviation Safety Agency (May 2007). The aircraft also is certified in Australia, Mexico and Venezuela, with certification in Brazil imminent.

Cessna has delivered 32 Mustangs and has received more than 400 orders for the aircraft.

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Based on unit sales, Cessna Aircraft Company is the world's largest manufacturer of general aviation airplanes. In 2006, Cessna delivered 1,239 aircraft, including 307 Citation business jets, and reported revenues of about \$4.2 billion. Cessna has a current backlog of \$11 billion. Since the company was originally established in 1927, some 190,000 Cessna airplanes have been delivered to nearly every country in the world. The global fleet of more than 5,000 Citations is the largest fleet of business jets in the world. More information about Cessna Aircraft Company is available at www.cessna.com.

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