

The Sonaca 200 is now EASA certified in the CS-VLA airworthiness category

NEWS

- Sonaca Aircraft has been given EASA CS-VLA certification for the Sonaca 200
- The delivery of the first SONACA 200 models is scheduled for September 2018
- Two versions are available for sale: The Sonaca 200 Trainer & The Sonaca 200 Trainer Pro
- Sonaca Aircraft is working on developing two new versions of the plane: UPRT and IFR

The certification of the SONACA 200: a strategic step for Sonaca Aircraft and a historic moment for Belgian aviation!

At the end of a three-year procedure¹, Sonaca Aircraft has just received the Type Certificate for the Sonaca 200 which certifies that the aircraft, by its type definition, perfectly meets the airworthiness technical characteristics. The technical characteristics and operational limitations are summarized in the "Type-Certificate Data Sheet" document.

"The Sonaca 200 certification application was filed in August 2015 and the Type Certificate was issued in just under three years after the initial filing. This is an exceptional performance. On behalf of the whole Sonaca Aircraft team, I would like to thank the EASA experts and particularly the DGAC for their advice and support throughout the certification project," said Harold van der Straten, CEO at Sonaca Aircraft.

Thanks to the Type certification, Sonaca Aircraft is now authorized to fly the Sonaca 200 under a European Airworthiness Certificate both in Europe and worldwide. "Naturally, this is a strategic step in the project as well as a symbolic moment for Belgium which had not produced a certified aircraft for several decades!" said Carl Mengdehl, Head of Design Organization and Co-Founder at Sonaca Aircraft.

Deliveries and models available for sale in 2018

The first Sonaca 200 deliveries will take place after the certification." As we had started industrial production several months ago, we will be ready to deliver the first 4 planes in September 2018 and a dozen planes by the end of the year," said Pierre Van Wetter, Chief Commercial Officer and Co-Founder at Sonaca Aircraft.

Two versions are currently available for sale: The Sonaca 200 Trainer for the analog version and the Sonaca 200 Trainer Pro for Glass Cockpit version.

"In the context of an increased demand for pilots by the airlines, we are faced with schools which need to replace and expand their existing fleet. In order to respond to this need, Sonaca Aircraft will have a brand new assembly hall starting next January, which will enable us to deliver over 80 aircraft per year. Not less than 40 aircraft will already be delivered in 2019," said Harold Van der Straten, CEO at Sonaca Aircraft.

New developments in progress

Sonaca Aircraft does not intend to stop with the first two versions of the Sonaca 200, the company is currently working on the certification of a utility version for "Upset Prevention and Recovery Training" (UPRT) training courses² as well as an IFR version³.

TAGS: Sonaca 200, Sonaca Aircraft, Certification, EASA CS-VLA, Type Certificate.

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¹ EASA Type Certification Application Date: 05 August 2015, EASA Type Certification Date: 12 June 2018.

² UPRT Training: Training on the Prevention and Recovery of the loss of control during flight.

³ IFR (Instrument Flight Rules)

About Sonaca Aircraft

Sonaca Aircraft is a subsidiary of the Sonaca Group, a major stakeholder for over 80 years in the development, manufacture and assembly of advanced aeronautical structures for the civil, military and space markets. With a start-up capital of more than 3 million euros, Sonaca Aircraft is 90% owned by the Sonaca aeronautics original equipment manufacturer. Sonaca Aircraft's first objective is the development, certification and marketing of a new single-engined two-seater aircraft ("Sonaca 200"), which has been specially designed and adapted for pilot training and leisure flights. The Sonaca 200 stands out due to its robust structure which is entirely made of metal, its extremely safe piloting behavior, its high payload mass, and its very low operating cost thanks to the expertise of a worldwide aeronautics group.

Sonaca 200: technical specifications and prices

ENGINE:

- BRP-Rotax 914 F - 115 hp

SEATS:

- Seating capacity: 2

DIMENSIONS:

- Wing span: 9.15 m
- Length: 7 m

WEIGHT AND LOAD:

- Weight empty: 460 kg
- Maximum take-off weight: 750 kg
- Fuel Capacity: 150 l (2 x 75 l)

PERFORMANCE:

- Max cruise speed: 115 knots
- Rate of climb: 750 feet per minute

STRUCTURE:

- Aluminum Alloy

FUEL CONSUMPTION:

- 18 l/hour

PRICE:

- Price: from 177,500 euros

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TYPE CERTIFICATE

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This Type Certificate is issued by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 216/2008, in particular Article 20 (1) (f) thereof and Commission Regulation (EU) No. 748/2012 to

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and certifies that the product type design listed below complies with the applicable Type Certification Basis and, if applicable, environmental protection requirements when operated within the conditions and limitations specified on the associated Type Certificate Data Sheet Number: EASA.A.626

Type Design: S2

Model	Initial Certification Date*
S200	12 June 2018

*Note: With regard to a product for which a type certificate was issued before 28 September 2003 by an EASA Member State, the Initial Certification Date refers to the date of issuance of the initial type certificate of this product by the competent authority of that State.

For the European Aviation Safety Agency
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