

## BREAKING NEWS

### **Sonaca 200 obtains SPHAIR certification from the Swiss Air Force**

Namur, Belgium, 20 October 2020 - The Swiss Air Force has certified the Sonaca 200 Trainer Pro for the initial aptitude assessment programme called "SPHAIR". The objective of the SPHAIR programme is to discover and assess young talents for a career as a pilot in the Swiss Air Force or general aviation.

To obtain SPHAIR certification, the Sonaca 200 has undergone a thorough assessment on the ground and in flight.

*"The Sonaca 200 flies smoothly and precisely. The aircraft is very stable at all flight attitudes and in all speed ranges. It benefits from very good visibility and comfortable seats. The plane also has a significant endurance of nearly seven hours with two people on board."* SPHAIR.

*"Thanks to SPHAIR certification, the Sonaca 200 joins the fleet of certified aircraft available for assessing the skills of young Swiss talents with a view to a career in the Air Force or general aviation. This is a great recognition, which reinforces the Sonaca 200 in its mission of screening future pilots and ab initio training. Designed in close collaboration with players in the field (Aero clubs & Flight schools), the Sonaca 200 today meets the expectations of private pilots and training professionals."* Yves Delatte, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sonaca Aircraft and CCO of the Sonaca group.

#### **About SPHAIR**

SPHAIR discovers the Swiss pilots and parascouts of tomorrow.

The objective of the SPHAIR programme is to discover young talents for training as a professional pilot or parascout and to assess their aptitudes with a view to a career in the Air Force, Army or general aviation. Civil and military aviation experts assess candidates in a multi-step process and prepare them for the practical aspects of their training. The SPHAIR certificate is the Swiss quality label for the candidates' talent and motivation for aviation. [www.sphaire.ch](http://www.sphaire.ch)

#### **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. Sonaca Aircraft is 90% owned by the OEM Sonaca. Sonaca Aircraft's business covers the development, certification and marketing of the Sonaca 200 single-engine two-seater aircraft, specially designed and adapted for training and leisure flights. EASA-certified in the CS-VLA airworthiness category, the Sonaca 200 is distinguished by its robust all-metal structure, its smooth flight behavior, its high payload and its exceptionally low operating cost, thanks to the expertise of a world-class aeronautics group. [www.sonaca-aircraft.com](http://www.sonaca-aircraft.com)

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