



begin construction of the first prototype by the middle of next year. The AeroCourier is an all-metal, unpressurised aircraft with high wing and fixed gear. The aircraft has a useful load of 1,860kg. AeroCourier is evaluating Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6 and Walter turboprop engines.

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Aerostar Aircraft is seeking \$50 million to complete certification of its FJ-100 turbofan-powered derivative of the Piper AeroStar 600/700 piston twin.

The six-seat AeroStar designed in 1965 as a light jet, entered production at Piper in 1969 as a piston twin aimed at the owner-flown market. The company built 1,026 Aerostars, of which 750 are still in service. Aerostar acquired the rights to the design

in 1991 and produces spare parts for the original aircraft under licence. Changes incorporated into the FJ-100 from the original Piper design include a stretched fuselage, strengthened wing, cruciform tail, increased maximum take-off weight of 3,300kg and two 1,200lb-thrust Williams FJ33-1 turbofans.

Pending financing, first flight of the FJ-100 has been set for the third quarter of next year. Certification and first deliveries are scheduled in approximately four years, says the company.

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The European company's only dedicated business aircraft is the Airbus Corporate Jetliner, a derivative of the A319 airliner. Around 10 aircraft have entered service,

After 10 years in development, Sino Swearingen has begun building the first customer SJ30-2

most recently with the Venezuelan air force on presidential duties, replacing a Boeing 737-200. Airbus offers the 27,000lb-thrust IAE V2527-A5 as the baseline Corporate Jetliner powerplant – although the CFM56-powered version is also available.

Airbus has also begun marketing a corporate version of the four-engine A340-200. Dubbed the World Ranger, the aircraft will offer a range in excess of 14,800km, compared with 11,100km for the A319CJ. The A340 is also 25.6m longer and 1.7m wider than the ACJ, says Airbus. The aircraft will be targeted at owners of aging Boeing 747 VIP aircraft.

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