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## ADAC UPGRADES TWO AIRCRAFT TO BK117-850D2

ADAC Luftrettung the largest emergency medical helicopter operator in Germany, has upgraded two of their BK117-B2 aircraft with the enhanced LTS101-850B-2 engines, making the aircraft Cat A / Class 1 compliant at Maximum All Up Weight (MAUW). After completion of the STC and installation of the -850 engines the model is marketed as the BK117-850D2. Airwork, a global aviation provider based in New Zealand, developed and owns the STC. The BK117-850D2 is approved by FAA, EASA, TC and NZCAA.

The BK117-850D2 provides ADAC with enhanced performance and increased safety margins. One of the key features of the BK117-850D2 is the ease and simplicity of the upgrade. The upgrade took only three days and was carried out by ADAC's own engineers. There are now over 40 BK117-850D2 helicopters flying in various countries around the world, across a range of sectors including EMS, Police, Oil & Gas, Utility and Fire Fighting.

Thomas Hütsch, CEO at ADAC Luftfahrt Technik GmbH "is excited to be the first European operator of the BK117-850D2 which continues the strong relationship we have with Airwork."

Airwork has also provided parts maintenance support to ADAC for their fleet of BK117-B2 aircraft under an Airwork Support Plan (ASP) since 2013. During this time the supported helicopters have accumulated more than 16,500 flight hours and achieved 99% technical fleet availability. The installation of the LTS101-850B-2 engines further represents an extension to the support offered by Airwork.

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