

SPORTSTAR AND TECNAM FIRST TWO LSA CERTIFICATIONS

Two of the stars of the light aircraft market - Evektor SportStar and Tecnam - have announced the recent certification of their aircraft under the new Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) category. These are the first two types in Australia to be registered under the new category.

SilverWing Aviation's Evektor SportStar VH-CDR, received its Special Certificate of Airworthiness as an LSA at Jandakot Airport, Perth in May.

Customers can take delivery of their SportStar and choose to register them VH-Light Sport or in the existing Recreational category.

Tecnam Australia Pty Ltd, an Australian distributor of light aircraft, has also announced the certification by CASA Brisbane of the Tecnam P2004 Bravo as a recreational LSA on the Recreational Aviation Australia (RA-Aus) register.

Tecnam's Bruce Stark says it will allow existing recreational pilot certificate holders to legally command LSA with a max takeoff weight of up to 600 kg.

The LSA is a new category of aircraft which fits between current General Aviation (GA) aircraft such as Cessnas and Pipers, and Recreational Aviation. The aim of the LSA Category is to make flying simpler and more affordable for both aspiring and experienced pilots, yet retaining safety and high maintenance standards. ■