

MU-2 Product Support Strengthens Safety Culture With New Programs

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Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America's (MHIA) MU-2 Product Support Division is launching two new safety-focused programs in the first quarter of 2016 – the next version of the MU-2 icing video and certification of a new angle-of-attack system for the turboprop twin.

The AoA system, developed by **Alpha Systems**, is a multiple-display configuration that factors flap inputs into its standard pressurized-aircraft AoA configuration. Since the original design was functional only in a single-flap setting, MHIA and **Alpha** determined that all MU-2 flap settings had to be taken into consideration to protect the entire flight envelope of the aircraft.

The new icing video will be available in the spring. The first version was created by MHIA in 1997 and mandated by an **FAA** Airworthiness Directive that required all MU-2 pilots to watch it at least once every two years. Since the implementation of that video there has not been an MU-2 accident caused by icing, MHIA says.

“This is another outstanding effort by MHIA to strengthen the aircraft operator’s safety culture,” says Pat Cannon, president of Turbine Aircraft Services Inc. (Booth C9837), which runs the product support program for the company. “This has resulted in the MU-2 being statistically the safest aircraft in its class since 2008, as measured by **NTSB** statistics.”