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Wipline floats for GippsAero GA8 TC-350 Airvan

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Australian aircraft manufacturer, GippsAero Pty Ltd, the aircraft division of Mahindra Aerospace Private Limited, and Wipaire, Incorporated of South St. Paul, MN, the world's leading aircraft float manufacturer today announced the launch of a deposit program for a float equipped version of the Australian built turbo charged Airvan GA8.

The project will see the two organisations cooperate for the design, construction and flight testing to certify the GA8 on Wipaire 3450 seaplane and amphibious floats via STC. Flight testing is expected to occur in October this year.

As a key incentive for operators to sign up, GippsAero and Wipaire are offering the first 10 customers a 50% off the normal deposit for a GA8 Airvan on floats with a commitment to an agreed delivery date in 2012.

George Morgan, Technology Director at GippsAero said "I've known the Wipaire products for many years and a float plan is a perfect extension to the already successful GA8 Airvan platform"

The Airvan is not the first Australian designed aircraft to be float equipped by Wipaire Inc. During the 1970s, an extensive engineering project was undertaken to float the Australian Nomad. The Nomad is now part of the GippsAero product family.

The Airvan's large square section cabin, impressive payload and very docile handling characteristics make it a very attractive float/amphibious airplane that will be commercially attractive for operators. The Airvan is certificated to FAR 23 at Amendment 55, which means that the Airvan incorporates safety features not seen in aircraft designed to earlier standards.



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Wipaire Inc traces its origins back to the foundation of Wipline Inc in 1960. A passion for success and engineering innovation have been the driving principles for three generations of the Wiplinger family and 50 years of Wipline float design and manufacturing. A tradition of engineering excellence that continues today.

**See the GA8 TC-320 Airvan at Static Display Site EW - E16
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