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## Two decades of Dassault Falcon 2000s

First flight of the Dassault Falcon 2000 business jet took place in March 1993 in Bordeaux-Mérignac (France). Since its certification, Dassault has delivered nearly 500 Falcon 2000s worldwide and the global fleet has achieved close to two million flying hours, making it one of the world's most widely used business jets in operation. Dassault marked the aircraft's 20th anniversary at the Abu Dhabi Air Expo 2013, where the company presented its range of business jets including the next generation Falcon 2000LXS.



The original Falcon 2000 was the first business jet in the world to be designed using a fully digital mockup, with the Dassault design team responding to Falcon operator requirements in those days, which helped define the aircraft's initial performance, the ideal range (which was a perfect fit for the US 'coast-to-coast' market) and operating costs. Since the original design, there have been six versions of the Falcon 2000, including the 2000LXS introduced in October 2012.