

Gulfstream G650ER in the Netherlands



The Gulfstream (G650ER) arrived on 15 March 2023, at Eindhoven Air Base (ICAO code EHEH). The aircraft will be in the Netherlands until the end of March/early April for training pilots and maintenance personnel. The aircraft has the tailcode V-117. Jet Aviation bought the aircraft last year on behalf of the Ministry of Defence. Subsequently, the company converted the newly used passenger aircraft to the required configuration. The conversion has now been completed and the aircraft has now been handed over to the Ministry of Defence.



The G650ER dates from 2015. The device has approximately 2,000 hours on the clock. The G650ER replaces the Gulfstream IV. It has been in use by the Air Force since 1996 and is now at the end of its service life.

The new defence acquisition has yet to be fitted with a self-protection system. For this purpose, the G650ER will be flown to AMAC Aerospace in Basel, Switzerland. The device is expected to return in the second half of July. Then the Air Force will start using this VIP aircraft. 🇳🇱

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