



## **Superior Air Parts Press Release**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **SUPERIOR AIR PARTS ANNOUNCES THAT GLASAIR AVIATION HAS SELECTED THE XP-400 ENGINE FOR THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE VERSION OF THEIR POPULAR SPORTSMAN 2+2 KIT AIRCRAFT**

*215-horsepower XP-400 provides improved power and performance for  
Sportsman 2+2 owners operating at higher altitudes, off shorter fields and with floats.*

Coppell, TX, April 05, 2013 — Glen Golden, V.P. Sales and Marketing, Superior Air Parts, Inc., announced today that Glasair Aviation has selected Superior's 400 cubic inch, 215-horsepower, XP-400 Engine for the higher-performance version of its popular Sportsman 2+2 aircraft.

"With its large cabin, generous useful load and exceptional flying characteristics, the Sportsman 2+2 is one of the most popular and versatile four-place kit aircraft in sport aviation and we are extremely excited to have our XP-400 Engine selected as their power of choice," Golden said.

"I can tell you first hand that the performance of the XP-400 powered Sportsman is phenomenal," stated Harry DeLong, Director of Customer Support, Glasair Aviation. "With 215-horsepower there is plenty of excess power for pilots operating at higher altitudes or off short/soft fields or on floats. With the XP-400, the Sportsman doesn't turn into a one- or two-place airplane when you put it on amphibious floats like many other aircraft do."

DeLong also said that pilot/builders who take advantage of Glasair's revolutionary *Two Weeks To Taxi* program are familiar with the 180-horsepower XP-360 and are very excited to have Superior's 215-horsepower XP-400 available as an upgrade.

“We have been very happy with the quality and performance of the Superior XP-Engines in the past,” he said. “And, from what we’ve seen with our first XP-400 we’re extremely happy to have selected Superior’s higher-horsepower engine for the Sportsman.”

As its name implies, Glasair’s Sportsman is designed for pilots who want to explore backcountry strips and lakes requiring a generous useful load and large baggage area. The Sportsman’s 2+2 configuration can be used for passengers or, with seats removed, for copious amounts of baggage.

“The Sportsman can be configured as a tricycle, taildragger or a floatplane and all of the configurations are built into every airframe,” DeLong said. “With the extra power and performance provided by the XP-400, an owner can build one basic airplane that can fulfill a wide variety of uses year ‘round without having to worry about being underpowered.”

“Glasair is one of the most respected manufacturers in the sport aviation market,” Golden said. “Having them put their and their customers’ confidence in the XP-400 is a tremendous step for our XP-Engine program.”

#### **About Glasair Aviation, LLC**

The Sportsman 2+2 kit is manufactured by Glasair Aviation in Arlington, WA. The company is also well known for making the Glasair and the Glasair III composite high-performance airplanes. For more information on the complete line of Glasair products, visit the company’s website at [www.GlasairAviation.com](http://www.GlasairAviation.com), or call 360.435.8533.

#### **About Superior Air Parts, Inc.**

Superior Air Parts, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Superior Aviation Beijing, is a leading manufacturer of FAA approved aftermarket replacement parts for Lycoming and Continental aircraft engines. In addition, the company manufactures the FAA certified Vantage Engine and the XP-Engine family for experimental and sport aircraft builders. For more information, visit: [www.superiorairparts.com](http://www.superiorairparts.com)

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