

Cessna Citation Excel Model Guide

The Cessna Citation Excel is a jet built from 1998 to 2004, with 7 to 10 seats. Cessna combined a shortened Citation X fuselage with a stretched Citation V Ultra wing. The result is Citation X cabin width and near stand-up height, with Ultra-like performance and operating economics. Power is two Pratt & Whitney PW545A engines in listed examples.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Big-cabin light jet: Citation X cabin width, almost stand-up height, Ultra-class economics and short-field capability.
- Listed examples seat 8 or 9: a 2-place divan, a 4-place club, two aft forward-facing seats and an aft lavatory.
- Listed aircraft use PW545A engines, ESP Gold/Silver or JSSI engine programs, and Honeywell RE100(XL) APUs.
- External baggage is 83 cu ft. The nose holds avionics, batteries, oxygen and brakes, not baggage.

DESIGN AND CABIN

Cessna paired a shortened Citation X fuselage with a stretched Citation V Ultra wing. The 1998 flight test noted bleed-air heated wing leading edges, single-point refueling (about eight minutes), eye-level engine oil gauges, triple door seals and an 83-cu-ft external baggage compartment. Standard price was \$7.6 million in 1998.

WHAT TO CHECK

Listed Excels run from 3,341 to 10,802.4 airframe hours. Check engine hours and program (ESP Gold/Silver, JSSI) and overhaul timing. One 2003 example shows overhaul due at 10,097 and 10,030 hours. Check APU hours (909 to 6,534 in the listings) and inspection due dates. Confirm thrust reversers, damage history, ProParts coverage and CAMP/CESCOM tracking.

AVIONICS AND TRAINING

Honeywell Primus 1000 with three DU-870 displays and dual Universal UNS-1 FMS is the base fit. Look for WAAS/LPV, ADS-B Out and RVSM. One 2000 listing has a Garmin G5000 upgrade. CAE's initial course runs 13 days with 46 hrs of ground school and 28 hrs of simulator, in a Level D simulator in Dallas.

SAFETY NOTES

- Listings say specifications are unverified and the buyer's responsibility. Commission your own pre-purchase inspection and records review.
- The Honeywell RE100XL APU warranty runs 60 months from shipment. From serial 560-5348 it is also capped at 2,500 APU hours. Routine maintenance such as HSI is excluded.