



### FRASCA AS350B2 FTD ACHIEVES LEVEL 7

In August 2009, Frasca International became the first organization to receive Level 7 qualification from FAA for its Eurocopter AS350B2 flight training device (FTD). Based at the FlightSafety International learning center in Tucson, Ariz., the FTD features FlightSafety's VITAL X visual system, which supplies a 220 by 100-degree wrap-around view, including 60 degrees down and 40 degrees up. A graphical instructor station (GIS) and ECL 2.0 digital electronic control loading system are also included in the simulator. Detailed texture-enhanced scenes provide a realistic view of standard and weather-restricted operations. Initial and recurrent training on the AS350B2 FTD is now available, including courses focused on aircraft systems and emergency procedures, as well as specialized training for subjects such as human factors and inadvertent IMC. Bottom right photo shows Chuck McCabe, program manager for the AS350 and Learjet 20/35 at FlightSafety Tucson, at the controls of the FTD. Frasca has applied for two additional Level 7 qualifications for FlightSafety—a Bell 206B/206L FTD in Lafayette, La. and a Bell 407 simulator that is scheduled for installation in Lafayette. Bell, Eurocopter and Sikorsky helicopter training is also available at FlightSafety locations in Fort Worth, Texas, Lafayette, Palm Beach, Fla. and Farnborough, England.

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