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CUSTOMIZABLE CABIN / CHALLENGER 850

## FOCUS ON BOMBARDIER CHALLENGER 850

Always a popular choice for its supersized cabin, in-flight business capabilities, and efficiency, the super midsize Challenger 850 is now available in a bespoke option, shifting its focus towards a niche market.

BY GAYATRI BHAUMIK

It's hardly surprising that when superstar singer Beyoncé Knowles decided to gift husband Jay-Z a private jet for his first father's day, she chose a **Challenger 850**. Bombardier's super-midsize jet is now offered solely on a made-to-order basis, so that, as well as offering dependable performance and luxurious aesthetics, it is completely customizable. Powered by two fuel-efficient General Electric turbofan engines and controlled with the Rockwell Collins Pro Line 4 avionics suite, the jet boasts a non-stop range of 2,811NM and high-speed cruise of Mach 0.80, making this a popular choice for time-crunched Asian corporations looking to do brisk regional business.

The spacious cabin, which is 41 percent larger than any other in its class, offers versatility with range features geared to conducting business, or just relaxing. Do business in the air with state-of-the-art communications technology, including Wi-Fi and Satcom telephone system, and well-configured meeting spaces; or, enjoy the complete suite of in-flight entertainment while unwinding in comfortable custom-upholstered seats, or nap on the convertible sofas. Everything in the cabin, from the upholstery and wood finish to the configuration and galley, can be personalized; on this particular VistaJet aircraft, the cabin featured club seating fore and three-seat sofas aft, all in cream leather upholstery, along with rich wood panels, and a small, neat galley.



### FAST FACTS

#### **BOMBARDIER CHALLENGER 850**

**Price:** From US\$32 million

**Passengers:** Typically, two crew and 14 passengers

**Range:** 2,500 to 3,000NM (3,876 to 3,452 statute miles)

**External dimensions:** 87 feet, 10 inches long; 69 feet, 7 inches of wingspan; 20 feet, 5 inches high

**Internal dimensions:** 73 inches high; 98 inches wide; 48 feet, 5 inches long

**Maximum speed:** 528 mph

**Engines:** Two General Electric CF34-3B1 turbofans

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