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Jet Shades™ Introduces Advanced Cockpit Sun Protection Uniquely Designed for Air Tractor Pilots

New Jet Shades for Air Tractor aircraft dramatically reduce heat, glare, and UV exposure for pilots operating in extreme low-altitude and high-heat conditions.

FERNANDINA BEACH, FL, October 27, 2025 –

Jet Shades, the industry leader in high-performance removable cockpit sun protection, is proud to announce the launch of Jet Shades for Air Tractor aircraft, the first solution designed for the extreme conditions agricultural aviation pilots face. These pilots often fly as low as 14 feet above crops or terrain, enduring relentless glare, heat from the aircraft, and workdays stretching up to 14 hours.



"Air Tractor pilots operate under some of the harshest conditions in aviation, as few ever fly over 1,000' in hot, sunny conditions from sunrise to sunset," said Kevin J. Duggan, President of Jet Shades. "With Jet Shades' innovative patented design, they perform as hard as the pilots who rely on them. Made with optical-quality material engineered for strength, durability, and



UV protection, Jet Shades provide maximum protection and comfort in even the most extreme conditions."

Early pilot feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, citing dramatic reductions in glare and cockpit heat during long missions.

Even with air-conditioning, the forward windshield and large side windows let in constant heat – especially while taxiing with side windows open, forcing the A/C to work harder. Jet Shades block 58% of the heat in side windows and 78% of the heat from the windshields, allowing the A/C to easily overcome heat in the cockpit. GA aircraft report up to a 25°F temperature reduction using Jet Shades.

The launch comes at a crucial time, as the 2026 agricultural spraying and wildfire seasons will push pilots to endure long, UV-soaked days in the cockpit.

To combat these harsh conditions, Jet Shades block solar radiation from above, reducing glare, heat, UV exposure, and fatigue—helping pilots stay focused and safe.

Jet Shades feature a patented mounting system that easily attaches to the aircraft window frame, allowing quick removal between flights. No aircraft modifications are needed and an STC is not required.

Jet Shades will officially launch Jet Shades for Air Tractor at the Ag Aviation Expo, taking place November 17–19, 2025, in Reno, Nevada. The new line will include windshield and left- and right-side Jet Shades engineered to dramatically reduce cockpit heat, glare, and UV exposure for pilots flying models 602 and 802, with models 402 and 502 to follow.

Owner and Pilot Mike Cruce of Cruce Agricultural Aviation, who operates an Air Tractor aircraft in Illinois, added, *"This is exactly what we've needed. During the hot summer days, the sun is relentless and exhausting. Jet Shades for Air Tractor aircraft dramatically reduce glare, heat, and pilot fatigue, letting me focus on the task and stay safe for longer flights."*

The launch of Jet Shades for Air Tractor marks a major step forward in cockpit protection for agricultural and aerial firefighting pilots. Attendees of the Ag Aviation Expo in Reno can meet **Eric Wolff**, Sales Manager for Jet Shades, at booth #654 to see firsthand how Jet Shades for Air Tractor aircraft improve heat, glare, and UV protection during long flight days. 

About Jet Shades

Jet Shades is a leading innovator in cockpit sun protection technology, known for cutting-edge designs and commitment to safety, comfort, and performance. Jet Shades products feature a patented design, are easy to install with no Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) required, and offer unparalleled protection against UV rays, heat, and glare. Trusted by over 6,500 pilots worldwide, Jet Shades is dedicated to improving the flying experience for pilots of all aircraft types.

For more information or to place an order, visit JetShades.com or contact Jet Shades at sales@jetshades.com or 401-649-0443.

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From sunrise to sunset, you're hand-flying low, hot, with the sun beaming in. Jet Shades™ removable cockpit sun protection for Air Tractor aircraft block the glare, heat and UV that wear you down—so you can fly longer, more comfortably and with less fatigue.



NEW

Jet Shades™ for Air Tractor

- Reduces glare, enhances visibility
- Lowers cockpit temps up to 25°F
- Easy attachment & removal
- No aircraft mods or STC needed
- For models 402, 502, 602, 802

Jet Shades for Air Tractor in use



"Exactly what I needed. Jet Shades reduce glare, heat, and fatigue from eye strain, letting me focus on the job and stay safe for longer flights."

—Mike C., Cruce Agricultural Aviation



See us at NAAA Ag Aviation Expo - Booth #654
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