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## Woman who bought £1.3m jet to beat the airport queues

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A businesswoman has become the first Briton to own one of a new generation of relatively cheap private jets.

Jane Howell, a 47-year-old entrepreneur who made her fortune by developing and then selling an office interior design business, is planning to avoid the hassle and queues of airports by piloting her own £1.3 million Cessna Citation Mustang.

She plans to fly the six-seater jet over Europe, helping her to divide her time between homes in London, Salzburg and Portofino on the Italian Riviera. She is also looking forward to stopping in the champagne region to stock up on wine.

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Jane Howell paid £1.3m to buy a queue-beating private jet

Ms Howell, who used to fly propeller-driven aircraft, said flexibility meant she could beat the factors that delay commercial flights, such as fog or air traffic control problems.

"The difference is that I can check these things out before I leave home and alter my route or change the time I travel.

"I do not get stuck in packed airport departure lounges, waiting ages for announcements.

"The older I get, the more frustrating-I find all the uncertainty and queuing of commercial flights."

Ascend, an aviation consultancy, announced today that British operators have ordered 200 very light jets which are deemed relatively easy to fly.

The six-seat Mustang, at about £1.3 million, is not the cheapest but Ms Howell said she chose it because it is simple for a solo pilot to fly.

She admitted having concerns about the environmental impact of flying but added: "The Mustang is one of the quietest and most fuel-efficient jets.

"Everyone has to make their own decision on how they want to live and mine is that I am going to fly my own jet."

The Cessna Citation Mustang - an "entry level business jet" - costs about £150 per flying hour in maintenance and £150 an hour in fuel.

Ms Howell will also need to pay £10,000 in insurance, while airport parking can cost up to £5,000 a month.

"This is a significant day for Cessna," said Trevor Esling, vice-president of the company. "The Mustang is ideally suited to the European marketplace and one third of our current order book is from European customers."

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Good for her, I just wish I could afford one, the queues here, and the stupidity of the security staff is an absolute pain. Wish you could fly over and pick me up Jane.

- Karen, USA, 06/9/2007 16:04

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