The Dash 8 Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) is used by multiple government agencies for Search and Rescue operations. We have over 50 Special Mission DHC-8 operating throughout the world and our customers include the coastguards of Japan, Iceland and Sweden, the Australian government, and the US Customs and Border Protection. Field Aviation has also developed intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), flight inspection and VIP versions of this aircraft.

In addition, Field Aviation has developed several STCs applicable to many different aircraft systems thus adding even greater versatility to this aircraft for our commercial and special mission customers. We have performed the EFI-890 glass cockpit instrumentation upgrade for many different special mission and airline operators. This state of the art upgrade STC replaces over 30 legacy components with 5 LCD displays and is certified for all -100, -200 and -300 series.
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The DHC-8 MPA Modifications include Long Range Fuel Tanks, Search and Side Looking Airborne radar, an IR/UV scanner, EO/IR camera, Air Operable Door, Sonobuoy launch tube and drop hatch.

In addition, our modifications include Operator Consoles, Equipment Racks, Observation Windows, Mission Management System, Galley, Lavatory and Crew Rest Area.

Aircraft Systems and Sensors
- Mission Management Systems
- Electro-Optical / Infra-Red (EO/IR) Systems
- Search Radar
- Side Looking Airborne Radar (SLAR)
- UV/IR Line Scanner
- Direction Finder
- Internal Navigation Systems (INS)
- Multi Mission Management System (MMMS) FMS
- Mission Power Systems
- Digital Mission Audio Systems
- Communication Systems
- Data Link Systems
- Moving Map Systems
- Auxiliary Display Systems
- Terrain Awareness and Warning System Override
- Long Range Fuel Systems

We have over 100 STCs on the DHC-8 aircraft including:
- Long Range Fuel Tanks
- Air Operable Door
- APU Removal
- MTOW increase
- Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System
- On Ground External Door Lock Kit
- FMS Upgrades
- VIP Interiors