

Year	What Happened	Commentary
1993	Buoyed by this slug of confidence in its most recent jet acquisition, Raytheon buys the rights to the Hawker Siddley HS 125-800 and 1000 line then under development by British Aerospace. (In 2003 this would simplify the co-branding and “reinvigoration” of the Beechjet with its new name.	<p>In a strange twist of fate, Hawker Siddley has long since retired / discontinued a much more ancient midsize jet. It’s name? Hawker 400! (Not to be confused with the completely unrelated relative the Hawker 400xp)</p> <p>Also, in this year Raytheon began the consolidation of the Beechcraft and Hawker brand names under one roof.</p>
2001	After bleeding very badly (with the exception of the profit made on selling marked up slices of aircraft) both Travel Air and Flight Options decided that getting together and doubling the size of Flight Options might be a good idea, or at least a way to try losing more money faster.	After all, Flight Options (originally) had convinced many of the value of going <i>pre-owned</i> (in lots of Beechcraft / Raytheon airplanes) and Travel Air had been spoiling them rotten with nice new stuff from the same family. Now at least the prospect of pushing newer Beechjets on the flock of unwitting customers is a possibility.
2003	The great “re-branding” of Beechjet 400A to Hawker 400XP in order to fit nicely with the Hawker 800XP clan already entrenched in the minds of charter / fractional passengers the world over.	Timing is everything since the Premier program (slated to replace the Beechjet / Hawker 400XP line) stumbled early on and forced Raytheon (now Hawker Beechcraft) to make sure significant “newness” still made the aircraft an attractive buy.
2005	Flight Options, dying of a protracted cash hemorrhage, goes to its minority partner (now, with a more humble stance) for a bail out. Raytheon, having sold Travel Air, now finds itself back where it does not want to be: owning a fractional company.	Raytheon, reluctantly takes over to clean up the mess, but uses the sad occasion as a way to at least invigorate the sales of new Hawker 800XPs and to begin the process of re-branding the Beechjet 400A by calling it the Hawker 400XP and selling lots of them.