

Transfer of aircraft from the Royal Air Force Museum's permanent collection

The purpose of the RAF Museum is to share the story of the Royal Air Force, past, present and future – using the narratives of its people and our collections in order to engage, inspire and encourage learning. We do this through our two public sites – at Cosford and London, and through other relevant organisations and heritage sites across the UK and the world. Our ultimate priority is to ensure these historic aviation artefacts find good homes, receive continuous care and are enjoyed by the public.

Following our RAF Centenary celebrations in 2018 and the development of our 2030 Strategy, we refocused our commitment to ensuring that every object in our collection holds relevance to the RAF Story. To this end, our Trustees requested that the Museum commence a Collections Review ensuring that our objects supported this vision.

Each part of our collection was considered in terms of its relevance to the RAF Story; whether it was duplicated in our collection and what condition/level of completeness it was in.

Subsequent to the completion of the internal review of the RAF Museum's aircraft collection, a number were proposed for transfer, with priority for gifting given to other Accredited museums. The transfer process will follow the Museum's Collection Development Policy and the Museums Association's Disposal Toolkit.

The aircraft proposed for transfer are detailed below:

RAFM accession number	Object name	Reason for transfer
1989/0305/A	Auster C.4	Relevance
85/A/8	Avro 707C	Duplication
84/A/1168	Bristol Sycamore HR.14	Duplication
1996/0171/A	De Havilland D.H.60M Gipsy Moth	Relevance
79/A/1729	Fairchild Cornell Mk.II	Completeness
1986/0038/A	Gloster Meteor T.7mod	Duplication
T110386	Hang Glider (disassembled, civilian)	Relevance
82/A/995	Lockheed SP-2H Neptune	Relevance/Condition

84/A/888	North American B-25J Mitchell	Relevance
1990/0692/A	North American P-51D Mustang	Completeness
1990/1040/A	Slingsby Type 21B Sedbergh TX.1	Relevance/Duplication
84/A/1170	Supermarine Type 517	Relevance
78/A/612	C.A.S.A 352L	Relevance
69/A/218	De Havilland Dominie Mk. II	Completeness/Condition
1998/0219/A	De Havilland Vampire FB.5	Completeness/Condition
1987/0025/A	Folland Gnat F.1	Relevance
1998/0220/A	Hawker P.1121	Completeness/Condition/Relevance
71/A/933	Lakes Waterbird	Completeness/Condition/Relevance
70/A/352	Morane-Saulnier BB	Relevance/Condition/Completeness
83/A/246	Slingsby Type 30 Prefect	Relevance/Duplication

In addition, some of the above aircraft have ancillary items associated with them. These items are inherently linked to their aircraft so will be gifted along with their aircraft, to the successful recipient.

Object condition reports and images of the above aircraft can be provided upon request.

We welcome expressions of interest in these objects to be submitted by **10th February 2022**. We regret we are unable to process any expressions received after this date.

Expressions of interest and requests for further information can be submitted to:
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