

**INDIVIDUAL HISTORY**

**HUNTING PERCIVAL PROVOST T.I WV562  
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- 54 Built by Percival at Luton, Beds as one of 388 Provosts built. Serials batch WV532 - 580. Constructor's number PAC56/F/108.
- 16 Feb 54 Awaiting Collection. Colour scheme - overall painted aluminum with yellow training bands.
- 22 Feb 54 To No.22 Flying Training School, RAF Syerston, Notts. By May 1954 this unit operated 50 Provosts. Initially coded M-C.
- 1 May 55 Renamed No. 1 FTS and operated Provosts and the Vampire T.11.
- Oct 57 Unit moved to RAF Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks. Recoded P-C by September 1958.
- 30 Jun 59 From Linton to Technical College, RAF Henlow, Beds for instructional use due to the gradual withdrawal of the Provost from pilot training and its replacement by the Jet Provost.
- 8 Jul 59 Allotted Maintenance Serial 7606M.
- c.1966 To RAF Cranwell, Lincs for continued technical training use with the Royal Air Force College Engineering Flight, following amalgamation of the Henlow and Cranwell Colleges on 31 December 1965.
- Sep 79 To Aerospace Museum, RAF Cosford, Salop around this date; it remained on display there until 2014. Retained fuselage code P-C and maintenance serial on rear fuselage. Photo newly arrived - Control Column Feb 1980 p.28. Formally transferred to Aerospace Museum (Now Royal Air Force Museum Cosford) 14 Dec 1983.
- 16 Jun 2014 By road to RAFM Hendon for display in new exhibition on Sultan of Oman Air Force 'An Enduring Relationship' following repainting into SOAF camouflage colours and markings as XF688 by the RAFM MBCC at Cosford.

The SOAF eventually operated eight ex-RAF Provosts from 1959, modified to T.52 standard, being fitted with machine guns and bomb racks.

The original XF688 was awaiting collection from the makers at Luton 21 April 1955, saw no RAF service, and transferred to the SOAF via Manby 2 March 1959.

- 6 Oct 15 Dismantled and moved to Bomber Hall for storage pending return to RAFM Cosford.
- 14 Oct 15 By road to RAFM Cosford.

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