

LANDROVER 4X4 ROYAL REVIEW VEHICLE 55 AA 89
MUSEUM ACCESSION NUMBER 69/V/871

1954 Built by Rover Motor Co. to contract No.6/VEH/16499/CB27 (a). Chassis Number 57100976. Issued in the standard RAF blue-grey colour scheme of the time.

4 Nov 54 To No.7 Maintenance Unit from manufacturer for storage

10 Dec 54 To No.30 MU for repair

Modified with platform to act as Royal viewing vehicle; issued on a series of short-term loans to various Commands as required for Reviews and Parades.

20 Jan 55 To No.99 MU for storage

29 Apr 55 Loaned to Maintenance Command

2 May 55 Returned to No.99 MU for storage

4 May 55 To No.4 MU for repair

30 Dec 55 Returned to No 99 MU for further storage

17 Apr 57 Issued to Flying training Command

8 May 57 Returned to No.99 MU

17 May 57 To Bomber Command

29 May 57 To Coastal Command

22 Jun 57 To Bomber Command

10 Jul 57 To No 99 MU

10 Nov 58 To Fighter Command

26 Nov 58 To Storage at No.99MU

8 Jun 59 To Bomber Command

18 Jun 59 To No 99 MU

31 May 60 To Flying Training Command

20 Jun 60 To No 99 MU

4 Aug 60 To Middle East Air Force

28 Oct 60	Returned to No 99 MU
20 Feb 62	To No 236 MU for continued storage
29 Jun 62	From storage at RAF Cosford to Fighter Command
5 Jul 62	To Flying Training Command
10 Jul 62	Returned to storage at Cosford
31 May 65	To Fighter Command
3 Jun 65	Used by HRH Princess Margaret at RAF Leuchars to present No.74 Squadron , flying Lightnings, with its first standard, with the Royal procession inspecting the Leuchars wing fighters. Photo – Lightning – Birth of the Legend (Scott) p.258.
10 Jun 65	Returned to Cosford for storage
7 Feb 66	To Central Vehicle Depot, Feltham for storage
6 Aug 69	Gifted by MoD to RAF Museum at RAF Henlow, Beds; during its entire career it had been issued for use only 14 times.
1976	Refurbished for four-month exhibition at RAFM Hendon – ‘Kings, Queens and Flying Machines’ 1 February – 30 April 1977, to mark the Queen’s Silver Jubilee year. On display at the Aerospace Museum, RAF Cosford – now RAF Museum Cosford, where it remains
Jul 2000	Loaned to No 2 MT Squadron, RAF Stafford for display during their anniversary celebrations.

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