

INDIVIDUAL HISTORY

GLOSTER JAVELIN F (AW) 1 XA564/7464M
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- 7 Jul 52 Ordered from Gloster Aircraft Co to contract 6/Acft/8336 for 40 F (AW) Mk 1 aircraft serialled XA544 - XA572 and XA618 to XA628. Constructed at the Gloster factory at Hucclecote. Many of these aircraft were used for development trials.
- 5 Sep 55 Displayed in Static Park at SBAC Farnborough display, Hants. Photos on pre-Farnborough sortie; Flypast Jun 1996 p.42; Javelin-Service History (003771) p.27; Aeroplane Monthly Jun 98 p.65; Flypast Mar 1999 p.66-67.
- 30 Sep 55 Awaiting collection from Glosters.
- 14 Oct 55 From Moreton Valance to Bristol Aeroplane Co. at Filton, (Bristol), Somerset for Bristol Olympus engine development (intended to power the Gloster P.370 'thin-wing' Javelin, and other trials.
- 10 May 57 Released from trials work following cancellation of the P.370.
- 16 Jul 57 To RAF Locking, Somerset for Ground Instructional use with No.1 Radio School/Aircraft Apprentice Training School. Kept in a hangar at the far end of Weston Super Mare Airfield one mile to the west of Locking.
- 30 Jul 57 Allocated instructional serial 7464M.
- 4 Apr 67 To No.2 School of Technical Training at RAF Cosford, Salop. By 1968 four Javelins were in use for ground training at Cosford.
- Sep 75 Earmarked for the RAF Museum and transferred to the Aerospace Museum at Cosford, where it remained on external display until 2004. Photos; Aeroplane January 2004 p.78; Aeroplane Museums Guide 2004 p.M.38.
- Nov 2004 Undergoing restoration in the Michael Beetham Conservation Centre, RAFM Cosford. Photo- Flypast January 2005 p.4.
- 2006 Put on suspended display in new National Cold War Exhibition Building at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, which opened to the public 8 February 2007. Photos- Aeroplane March 2007 p.12; Air Britain Aviation World September 2007 p.103; Wrecks and Relics 21st Edition.

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