British Aircraft Swallow II

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The Swallow began as the Klemm L.25 light aeroplane that was designed in Germany and first flew in 1927. Over 600 were produced and many sold in Britain where a licence built version, the British Klemm Swallow, first flew in November 1933. It had a more powerful engine that the L.25 and was strengthened to meet British airworthiness requirements. In 1935 British Klemm changed its name to British Aircraft and produced a revised version of the Swallow, the Swallow II. A total of 107 were manufactured up until 1938. The majority were sold to private owners of rlying schools and many were taken over by the military during World War II. Seventeen survived the war and a handful remain airworthy today.

This model represents G-AFCL, flying with the Shuttleworth collection in 2003..

Data: Engine one Pobjoy Cataract II radial engine of 63kW. Wing span 13.02m. Length 8.00m. Gross weight 680kg. Maximum speed 167km/h. Range 680km. Crew 2.

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