

Military Aircraft Markings Update number 55, December 2009.

| <i>Serial</i> | <i>Type (other identity) [code]</i> | <i>Owner/operator, location or fate</i> |
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| 2783 | RAF BE2b <R> | Privately owned, stored Old Sarum |
| R6904 | VS300 Spitfire I <R> [BT-K] | Privately owned, Cornwall |
| X4276 | VS300 Spitfire I (G-CDGU) | Privately owned, Sandown |
| X4650 | VS300 Spitfire I | Privately owned, Bentwaters |
| JV482 | Grumman Wildcat V | Ulster Aviation Society, Long Kesh |
| MA764 | VS361 Spitfire F IX (G-MCDB) | Privately owned, Bentwaters |
| VR192 | Percival P40 Prentice T1 (G-APIT) | Privately owned, Lasham |
| VV217 | DH100 Vampire FB5 (7323M) | Mosquito Aircraft Museum, stored London Colney |
| VX281 | Hawker Sea Fury T20S (G-RNHF) [120/VL] | RN Historic Flight, North Weald |
| WB726 | DHC1 Chipmunk T10 (G-AOSK) [E] | Privately owned, RAF Halton |
| WF137 | Percival P57 Sea Prince C1 | Privately owned, Lasham |
| WF825 | Gloster Meteor T7 (8359M) [A] | Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre |
| WH291 | Gloster Meteor F8 | Privately owned, Lasham |
| WK118 | EE Canberra TT18 <ff> | Hawker Hunter Aviation Ltd, Scampton |
| WK122 | EE Canberra TT18 <ff> | Privately owned, Chipperfield, Herts |
| WM366 | AW Meteor NF13 (4X-FNA) (comp VZ462) | Privately owned, Lasham |
| WM729 | DH113 Vampire NF10 <ff> | Mosquito Aircraft Museum, stored London Colney |
| WN108 | Hawker Sea Hawk FB5 [033] | Ulster Aviation Society, Long Kesh |
| WP833 | DHC1 Chipmunk T10 (G-BZDU) [H] | Privately owned, Eshott |
| WP896 | DHC1 Chipmunk T10 (G-BWVY) | Privately owned, RAF Halton |
| WR539 | DH112 Venom FB4 (8399M) <ff> | Mosquito Aircraft Museum, stored London Colney |
| WT319 | EE Canberra B(I)6 <ff> | Aeroventure, Doncaster |
| WV798 | Hawker Sea Hawk FGA6 [026/CU] | Privately owned, Lasham |
| WX853 | DH112 Venom NF3 (7443M) | Mosquito Aircraft Museum, stored London Colney |
| WZ549 | DH115 Vampire T11 (8118M) [F] | Ulster Aviation Society, Long Kesh |
| XA109 | DH115 Sea Vampire T22 | Royal Scottish Mus'm of Flight, Leuchars |
| XE340 | Hawker Sea Hawk FGA6 [131/Z] | FAA Museum, stored Yeovilton |
| XE489 | Hawker Sea Hawk FGA6 (G-JETH) (comp WM983) | Gatwick Aviation Museum, Charlwood, Surrey |
| XH177 | EE Canberra PR9 <ff> | Newark Air Museum, Winthorpe |
| XK418 | Auster AOP9 (7976M) | <i>Scrapped at Eggesford, November 2009</i> |
| XL563 | Hawker Hunter T7 (9218M) | Privately owned, Southmoor, Oxon |
| XM414 | Hunting Jet Provost T3A (8996M) | Ulster Aviation Society, Long Kesh |
| XM561 | Saro Skeeter AOP12 (7980M) | <i>Repainted as XM651</i> |
| XM651 | Saro Skeeter AOP12 (XM561/7980M) | Aeroventure, Doncaster |
| XM833 | WS58 Wessex HAS3 | Privately owned, Lasham |
| XP924 | DH110 Sea Vixen D3 (G-CVIX) [134/E] | Privately owned, Bournemouth |
| XR517 | WS58 Wessex HC2 [N] | Ulster Aviation Society, Long Kesh |
| XR537 | HS Gnat T1 (8642M/G-NATY) | Privately owned, Bournemouth |
| XR597 | WS Scout AH1 (fuselage) | <i>Sold to Germany, 2009</i> |
| XR601 | WS Scout AH1 | Army Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, on display |
| XR672 | Hunting Jet Provost T4 (8495M) [50] | <i>Scrapped, 2008</i> |
| XS231 | BAC Jet Provost T5 (G-ATAJ) | Boscombe Down Aviation Collection |
| XT435 | WS Wasp HAS1 (NZ3907/G-RIMM) [430] | Privately owned, Badwell Green, Suffolk |
| XT466 | WS58 Wessex HU5 (A2617/8921M) [XV] | Army Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, on display |
| XT632 | WS Scout AH1 (G-BZBD) | <i>Scrapped</i> |
| XT891 | McD F-4M Phantom FGR2 (9136M) [P] | RAF Coningsby, at main gate |
| XV102 | BAC VC10 C1K [T] | MoD/DSG, St Athan |
| XV236 | HS Nimrod MR2 | <i>Scrapped at Boscombe Down, December 2009</i> |
| XV252 | HS Nimrod MR2 | RAF Kinloss (wfu) |
| XV361 | HS Buccaneer S2B | Ulster Aviation Society, Long Kesh |
| XV649 | WS61 Sea King ASaC7 [180] | MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands |
| XV661 | WS61 Sea King HU5 [26] | MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands |
| XV671 | WS61 Sea King ASaC7 [183] | RN No 857 NAS, Culdrose |
| XW198 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW199 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW208 | WS Puma HC1 | MoD/Eurocopter, Marseilles, France (on rebuild) |
| XW212 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW213 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW216 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW219 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW220 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW222 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW223 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |

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| XW226 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW231 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| XW269 | HS Harrier T4 | Privately owned, Queensbury, W Yorks |
| XX145 | SEPECAT Jaguar T2A | RAF Cranwell Fire Section |
| XX435 | WS Gazelle AH1 (fuselage) | QinetiQ, Boscombe Down (spares use) |
| XX537 | SA Bulldog T1 (G-CBCB) [C] | Privately owned, RAF Halton |
| XX845 | SEPECAT Jaguar T4 [EV] | RN, Predannack Fire School |
| XX966 | SEPECAT Jaguar GR1 (8904M) [EL,JJ] | <i>To Pembrey Ranges, 2009</i> |
| XZ166 | WS Lynx HAS2 <ff> | Farnborough Air Sciences Trust, Farnborough |
| XZ182 | WS Lynx AH7 | RM No 847 NAS, Yeovilton |
| XZ185 | WS Lynx AH7 | RM No 847 NAS, Yeovilton |
| XZ229 | WS Lynx HAS3GMS [360/MC] | RN No 815 NAS, Manchester Flt, Yeovilton |
| XZ232 | WS Lynx HAS3GMS | RN No 815 NAS, Yeovilton |
| XZ254 | WS Lynx HAS3S [632] | RN No 702 NAS, Yeovilton |
| XZ308 | WS Gazelle AH1 | QinetiQ, Boscombe Down (spares use) |
| XZ585 | WS61 Sea King HAR3 [A] | RAF SKAMG, RNAS Yeovilton |
| XZ586 | WS61 Sea King HAR3 [B] | RAF SKAMG, RNAS Yeovilton |
| XZ590 | WS61 Sea King HAR3 [F] | RAF No 22 Sqn, C Flt/No 203(R) Sqn, Valley |
| XZ645 | WS Lynx AH7 | AAC No 657 Sqn, Odiham |
| XZ694 | WS Lynx HAS3GMS [365] | RN No 815 NAS, Argyll Flt, Yeovilton |
| XZ698 | WS Lynx HMA8SRU [316] | RN No 815 NAS, HQ Flt, Yeovilton |
| XZ722 | WS Lynx HMA8SRU [645]\$ | RN No 702 NAS, Yeovilton |
| XZ725 | WS Lynx HMA8DSP [425] | RN No 815 NAS, Kent Flt, Yeovilton |
| XZ731 | WS Lynx HMA8SRU [444/SM] | RN No 815 NAS, Montrose Flt, Yeovilton |
| XZ733 | WS Lynx HAS3GMS [308] | RN No 815 NAS, HQ Flt, Yeovilton |
| XZ936 | WS Gazelle HT2 [6] | MoD/ETPS, Boscombe Down |
| ZA147 | BAe VC10 K3 (5H-MMT) [F] | RAF No 101 Sqn, Brize Norton |
| ZA167 | WS61 Sea King HU5 [22/CU] | MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands |
| ZA299 | WS61 Sea King HC4 [D] | MoD/AFD/QinetiQ, Boscombe Down |
| ZA395 | Panavia Tornado GR4A [009] | RAF No 13 Sqn, Marham |
| ZA400 | Panavia Tornado GR4A [011] | RAF No 9 Sqn, Marham |
| ZA472 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [031] | RAF No 13 Sqn, Marham |
| ZA592 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [059] | RAF No 9 Sqn, Marham |
| ZA602 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [067] | RAF No 2 Sqn, Marham |
| ZA606 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [069] | RAF No 9 Sqn, Marham |
| ZA613 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [075] | RAF No 12 Sqn, Lossiemouth |
| ZA673 | B-V Chinook HC2 (N37016) [AC] | <i>Destroyed, 30 August 2009, Afghanistan</i> |
| ZA709 | B-V Chinook HC2 (N37043) | <i>Destroyed, 19 August 2009, Afghanistan</i> |
| ZA731 | WS Gazelle AH1 | AAC GDSH, Middle Wallop |
| ZA935 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| ZA940 | WS Puma HC1 | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| ZB671 | WS Gazelle AH1 [5A] | AAC GDSH, Middle Wallop |
| ZB693 | WS Gazelle AH1 | AAC GDSH, Middle Wallop |
| ZD268 | WS Lynx HMA8SRU [646] | MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands |
| ZD329 | BAe Harrier GR9 [10] | RN NSW, Cottesmore |
| ZD435 | BAe Harrier GR9 [47] | RAF No 1 Sqn, Cottesmore |
| ZD463 | BAe Harrier GR9 [53] | RAF HOCU/No 20(R) Sqn, Wittering |
| ZD480 | WS61 Sea King HC4+ [J] | RN SKAMG, Yeovilton |
| ZD574 | B-V Chinook HC2 (N37077) [DB] | RAF Odiham Wing |
| ZD580 | BAe Sea Harrier FA2 [710] | Privately owned, Cheshire |
| ZD709 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [078] | RAF No 9 Sqn, Marham |
| ZD742 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [090] | RAF No 12 Sqn, Lossiemouth |
| ZD746 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [094] | RAF No 13 Sqn, Marham |
| ZD748 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [096] | RAF No 2 Sqn, Marham |
| ZD811 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [103] | RAF No 31 Sqn, Marham |
| ZD844 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [107] | RAF No 2 Sqn, Marham |
| ZD992 | BAe Harrier T8 [724] (fuselage) | Privately owned, Sproughton |
| ZE116 | Panavia Tornado GR4A [116] | RAF No 12 Sqn, Lossiemouth |
| ZE164 | Panavia Tornado F3 [HO] | RAF Leuchars, WLT |
| ZE206 | Panavia Tornado F3 [UI] | <i>Scrapped at RAF Leeming, 2009</i> |
| ZE369 | WS61 Sea King HAR3 [S] | RAF No 22 Sqn, C Flt/No 203(R) Sqn, Valley |
| ZE370 | WS61 Sea King HAR3 [T] | RAF No 202 Sqn, A Flt, Boulmer |
| ZE410 | Agusta A109A (AE-334) | Museum of Army Flying, stored Middle Wallop |
| ZE411 | Agusta A109A (AE-331) | FAA Museum, stored RNAS Yeovilton |
| ZE413 | Agusta A109A | Army Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, GI use |
| ZE420 | WS61 Sea King ASaC7 [189] | RN No 849 NAS, Culdrose |
| ZE983 | Panavia Tornado F3 [HL] | RAF No 111 Sqn, Leuchars |
| ZF210 | Shorts Tucano T1 | RAF No 1 FTS, Linton-on-Ouse |

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| ZF374 | Shorts Tucano T1 | RAF No 1 FTS, Linton-on-Ouse |
| ZF409 | Shorts Tucano T1 | RAF No 1 FTS, Linton-on-Ouse |
| ZF557 | WS Lynx HMA8DSP [375/SM] | RN No 815 NAS, Somerset Flt, Yeovilton |
| ZF560 | WS Lynx HMA8SRU [330/VL] | RN No 815 NAS, HQ Flt, Yeovilton |
| ZF562 | WS Lynx HMA8SRU [645] | MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands |
| ZF596 | BAC Lightning T55 <ff> | RAF Millom Museum, Millom |
| ZG631 | Northrop Chukar D2 | Farnborough Air Sciences Trust, Farnborough |
| ZG751 | Panavia Tornado F3 [HI] | Scrapped at RAF Leeming, 2009 |
| ZG753 | Panavia Tornado F3 [H] | RAF Leeming, for scrapping |
| ZG755 | Panavia Tornado F3 [F] | RAF Leeming, for scrapping |
| ZG772 | Panavia Tornado F3 [WJ] | Scrapped at RAF Leeming, 2009 |
| ZG792 | Panavia Tornado GR4 [138] | RAF No 14 Sqn, Lossiemouth |
| ZG820 | WS61 Sea King HC4+ [I] | RN SKAMG, Yeovilton |
| ZG821 | WS61 Sea King HC4+ [G] | RN SKAMG, Yeovilton |
| ZG922 | WS Lynx AH9 | AgustaWestland, Yeovil, Fire Section |
| ZH542 | WS61 Sea King HAR3A [W] | MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands |
| ZH552 | Panavia Tornado F3 [HW] | RAF No 111 Sqn, Leuchars |
| ZH837 | EHI-101 Merlin HM1 [69] | RN No 814 NAS, Culdrose |
| ZH838 | EHI-101 Merlin HM1 [66] | RN No 814 NAS, Culdrose |
| ZH841 | EHI-101 Merlin HM1 [82] | RN MDMF, Culdrose |
| ZH857 | EHI-101 Merlin HM1 | RN No 829 NAS, Culdrose |
| ZH864 | EHI-101 Merlin HM1 [65] | RN No 814 NAS, Culdrose |
| ZH895 | B-V Chinook HC2A (N2034K) [HJ] | RAF Odiham Wing |
| ZH899 | B-V Chinook HC3R (N2057R) | RAF Odiham Wing |
| ZH900 | B-V Chinook HC3R (N2060H) | MoD/AFD/QinetiQ, Boscombe Down |
| ZH907 | Panavia Tornado IDS (RSAF 7503) | To R Saudi AF as 7503, 7 December 2009 |
| ZJ119 | EHI-101 Merlin HC3 [C] | RAF No 28 Sqn/No 78 Sqn, Benson |
| ZJ120 | EHI-101 Merlin HC3 [D] | RAF No 1419 Flt, Kandahar, Afghanistan |
| ZJ124 | EHI-101 Merlin HC3 [H] | RAF No 1419 Flt, Kandahar, Afghanistan |
| ZJ126 | EHI-101 Merlin HC3 [K] | RAF MDMF, RNAS Culdrose |
| ZJ133 | EHI-101 Merlin HC3 [R] | RAF No 28 Sqn/No 78 Sqn, Benson (damaged) |
| ZJ369 | GEC Phoenix UAV | Defence Academy of the UK, Shrivenham |
| ZJ452 | GEC Phoenix UAV | Science Museum, Wroughton |
| ZJ925 | Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 [QO-R] | MoD/BAE Systems, Warton (conversion) |
| ZJ954 | SA330H Puma HC1 (SAAF 144) | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| ZJ955 | SA330H Puma HC1 (SAAF 148) | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| ZJ956 | SA330H Puma HC1 (SAAF 172) | RAF No 230 Sqn, Benson |
| ZK011 | BAE Systems Hawk T2 | MoD/BAE Systems, Warton |
| ZK013 | BAE Systems Hawk T2 | MoD/BAE Systems, Brough |
| ZK016 | BAE Systems Hawk T2 | RAF, stored Shawbury |
| ZK020 | BAE Systems Hawk T2 | RAF, stored Shawbury |
| ZK025 | BAE Systems Hawk T2 | MoD/BAE Systems, Warton |
| ZK026 | BAE Systems Hawk T2 | MoD/BAE Systems, Warton |
| ZK028 | BAE Systems Hawk T2 | MoD/BAE Systems, Warton |
| ZK030 | BAE Systems Hawk T2 | RAF No 4 FTS/19(R) Sqn, Valley |
| ZK032 | BAE Systems Hawk T2 | MoD/BAE Systems, Warton |
| ZK066 | Eurofighter EF.2000A Typhoon | To R Saudi AF as 1007, 3 December 2009 |
| ZK068 | Eurofighter EF.2000A Typhoon | To R Saudi AF as 1008, 3 December 2009 |
| ZK181 | AgustaWestland Super Lynx Mk.130 | AgustaWestland, for Algeria as AN07 |
| ZK182 | AgustaWestland Super Lynx Mk.130 | AgustaWestland, for Algeria as AN08 |
| ZK183 | AgustaWestland Super Lynx Mk.130 | AgustaWestland, for Algeria as AN09 |
| ZK184 | AgustaWestland Super Lynx Mk.130 | AgustaWestland, for Algeria as AN10 |
| ZK304 | Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 | RAF, Coningsby |
| ZK305 | Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 | RAF, Coningsby |
| ZK307 | Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 | MoD/BAE Systems, Warton |
| ZK308 | Eurofighter Typhoon FGR4 | MoD/BAE Systems, Warton |
| ZZ177 | Boeing C-17A Globemaster III | For RAF |
| ZZ419 | Hawker Beechcraft Shadow R1 (G-OTCS) | RAF No 5 Sqn, Waddington |

Notes:

1. R6904 is the Spitfire made in the TV programme 'James May's Toy Stories'. After a spell with the RAF Museum at Cosford it has since been transported by road to Cornwall.
2. It has recently emerged that XE489 at Charlwood composes the fuselage of WM983 and only the wings of XE489.
3. Auster XK418 was moved from the now closed SWWAPS at Lasham to Eggesford before it was scrapped. With the collection at Lasham now closed, it is expected that the other airframes held here will also move on.
4. 230 Sqn moved from Aldergrove to Benson on 17 November 2009.

5. Despite reports of it being seen at Hurstbourne Tarrant, Gazelle XZ936 is still in use with ETPS but at least one Gazelle has been seen at Hurstbourne Tarrant wearing the old boom of XZ936!
6. This month sees the delivery of the first Chinook HC3R to the RAF, ZH899, which was handed over in November.
7. Merlin ZJ133 was the one which crashed at El Centro, California, on 9 November 2009. It is believed that it will be repaired.
8. ZZ400, the first Lynx Wildcat, flew for the first time on 12 November 2009.
9. Among the changes outlined in the Defence Review of 15 December 2009 were the closure of RAF Cottesmore, the withdrawal of the Nimrod MR2 in March 2010, an order for 22 new Chinooks for the RAF, an order for another Globemaster III for the RAF (ZZ177), reducing the Harrier & Tornado force by one squadron and the replacement of the Sea King HC4 fleet by transferring the RAF's Merlins to the Navy.

Credits:

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