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Serial  Type (other identity) [code] Owner/operator, location or fate
ZP921 Hawker Sea Hurricane X (AE977/G-CHTK) [GZ-L] Privately owned, Biggin Hill
P3886 Hawker Sea Hurricane X (AE977/G-CHTK) [UP-K] Repainted as P2921, October 2014
EJ922 Hawker Typhoon IB <ff> Privately owned, Booker
KF435 Noordyv A16 Harvard IIB Privately owned, Maidenhead
LB367 Taylorcraft Plus D (G-AHGC) Privately owned, Melksham
WB924 Slingsby T21B Sedbergh TX1 (BGA3901) Privately owned, Dunstable
WF137 Percival P57 Sea Prince C1 Scrapped at St Athan, September 2014
WH887 EE Canberra TT18 [R47] Sywell Aviation Museum
WJ476 Vickers Valetta T3 [ff] South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum, Doncaster
WK001 Thales Watchkeeper 450 RPAS (4X-USC) Army 43 Battery Royal Artillery, Boscombe Down
WK010 Thales Watchkeeper 450 RPAS Army 43 Battery Royal Artillery, Boscombe Down
WK029 Thales Watchkeeper 450 RPAS Army 43 Battery Royal Artillery, Boscombe Down
WK050 Thales Watchkeeper 450 RPAS Thales, for Army
WR974 Avro 696 Shackleton MR3 (B117M) [K] Privately owned, Bruntingthorpe
WZ876 DHC1 Chipmunk T10 (G-8BBW) [ff] Privately owned, Sanggart, Eire
XE982 DH115 Vampire T11 (7564M) (fuselage) Tangmere Military Aviation Museum
XF840 Percival P66 Provost T1 [ff] Privately owned, Bruntingthorpe
XM404 Hunting Jet Provost T3 (805/BBM) Privately owned, Bruntingthorpe
XF346 WS55 Whirlwind HAR10 (8793M) Privately owned, Honeybourne, Worcs
XJ883 WS Scout AH1 (XW281/G-BYNZ) [T] Privately owned, Dungannon, NI
XR501 WS58 Wessex HC2 Privately owned, Sproughton
XS177 Hunting Jet Provost T4 (9044M) Privately owned, Hexham, Northumberland
XV625 WS Wasp HAS1 (A2649) [471] Privately owned, Colchester, Leics
XV647 WS61 Sea King HUS (28) RN Culdrose (wu)
XV700 WS61 Sea King HCS (2C) DSMarE AESS, HMS Sultan, Gosport
WX200 WS Puma HC1 (wreck) Scrapped, 2014
WX201 WS Puma HC1 Scrapped, 2014
WX202 WS Puma HC1 Army, Imphal Barracks, York, on display
WX213 WS Puma HC2 RAF No 33 Sqn/No 230 Sqn, Benson
WX218 WS Puma HC1 (wreck) Scrapped, 2014
WX281 WS Scout AH1 (G-BYNZ) [T] Now marked as XP883, 2014
WX425 BAC Jet Provost T5A (9200M) [H, MV] Sold to The Netherlands, 2014
XW188 HS Hawk T1A [188] RAF No 4 LTS/208(R) Sqn, Valley
XW239 HS Hawk T1W [239] RAF No 4 LTS/208(R) Sqn, Valley
XW285 HS Hawk T1A $ RAF No 100 Sqn, Leeming
XW316 HS Hawk T1A [849/CU] RN No 736 NAS, Culdrose
WX630 SA Bulldog T1 (G-SJW) [5] Privately owned, Audley End
XZ594 WS61 Sea King HAR3 RAF SKAMG, RNAS Yeovilton
XZ652 WS Lynx AH7 IFTC, Durham/Tees Valley
XZ690 WS Lynx HMASR [417] RN No 815 NAS, Yeovilton
XZ729 WS Lynx HMASR [425/DT] RN No 815 NAS, Yeovilton
XZ731 WS Lynx HMASR Dauntless Flt, Yeovilton
ZA137 WS61 Sea King HUS (20) RN No 815 NAS, Yeovilton
ZA298 WS61 Sea King HC4 (G-BJNM) [Y] MoD/AFD/Finetiq, Boscombe Down
ZA453 Panavia Tornado GR4 [022] RN CHFWM, Yeovilton
ZA469 Panavia Tornado GR4 [029] $ RAF CMU, Marham
ZA473 Panavia Tornado GR4 [032] RAF No 9 Sqn, Marham
ZA541 Panavia Tornado GR4 [034] RAF No 15(R) Sqn, Lossiemouth
ZA542 Panavia Tornado GR4 [035] RAF CMU, stored Marham
ZA591 Panavia Tornado GR4 [058] RAF No 31 Sqn, Marham
ZA601 Panavia Tornado GR4 [EB-B] RAF No 15(R) Sqn, Lossiemouth
ZA604 Panavia Tornado GR4 [068] RAF No 15(R) Sqn, Lossiemouth
ZA606 Panavia Tornado GR4 [069] MoD/AFD/Finetiq, Boscombe Down
ZA607 Panavia Tornado GR4 [070] RAF ACF/JFOE/No 41(R) Sqn, Coningsby
ZA612 Panavia Tornado GR4 [074] RAF Marham Wing
ZA714 B-V Chinook HC4 (N37051) [AV] MoD/Vector Aerospace, Fleetlands (conversion)
ZD259 WS Lynx HMASR [474/RM] RN No 815 NAS, Richmond Flt, Yeovilton
ZD709 Panavia Tornado GR4 [078] RAF Marham Wing
ZD745 Panavia Tornado GR4 [093] RAF Marham Wing
ZE369 WS61 Sea King HAR3 [S] RAF No 22 Sqn, C Flt/No 203(R) Sqn, Valley
**Notes:**

1. The original 30 Watchkeepers ordered for the Army have now been delivered. Although listed as based at Boscombe Down above, this is nominal as many are actually deployed overseas. A further 24 Watchkeepers are to be built and these will initially be placed in store. It is believed that these will carry the markings WK031 to WK054 inclusive and that WK054, seen on some publicity shots, belongs to Thales for test purposes... unless you know different!

2. 100 Squadron Hawk XX285 has been seen recently wearing a Union Jack on the tail, similar to Red Arrows machines.

3. ZE791 shocked a few people by appearing outside at Leeming recently. Clearly rumours of its death had been greatly exaggerated!

4. There has been quite a lot of movement amongst the Typhoon fleet of late and it would appear that 3 Squadron and 11 Squadron are pooling their assets at present. For the time being we will continue to list aircraft under the markings of the squadron that they wear unless it is evident that they are assigned to another unit.
5. Several Merlin HC3s have been seen wearing Royal Navy titles. Presently they are still at Benson and expected to be there until Easter 2015, when they will move to Yeovilton. Where such machines have been seen in RN marks, they will be shown as operated by ‘RAF No 28 Sqn/RN No 846 NAS’ in listings.

6. The first of two Merlins for Nigeria, NAF 280/ZR344 was delivered on 30 September. Subsequently NAF 281 has been seen outside at Yeoivil but its identity is unconfirmed. It seems likely to be ZR345 or ZR346.

7. It was announced in late October that the UK MoD will replace the bulk of its fixed-wing training types with the Grob G120TP (replacing the Tutor), the Beechcraft T-6C (replacing the Tucano) and the Embraer Phenom 100 (replacing the King Air 200). The press release mentions Cranwell as the base for the Phenom 100s and Valley as the base for the T-6Cs, which leaves a question mark about the future of RAF Linton-on-Ouse, where the Tucano fleet is currently located.

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