

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



TYPE	Type 8, Tutor
Manufacturer	Slingsby, Kirbymoorside, c/n 513
Year of manufacture	1946
Registration marks	BGA 485
Airworthy	No, last flown July 2011 but looks to be in outstanding condition. Very probable we will get it flying again, but likely not until 2020.
History	First flown 18 th April 1946. Spent a good time at the London GC and has also spent a good time being repaired! The fuselage is not the original one. 1990 acquired by Mike Birch and Graham Saw who found it abandoned in a farmer's barn. Its complete restoration at Booker by Mike and Graham marks the founding of the much heralded Booker vintage flying group. July 2006 donated to Bob van Aalst and moved to Holland.
Notable flights	None recorded though the glider has been at a number of international VGC rallies. At end 2013 2127 hours from 3874 flights
Restoration history	Completely restored at Booker 1990 - 1992 when it acquired its pink paint scheme and hence the nickname "Pink Panther"
Other	Still has its original logbook, very rare for a glider of this age. Even more amazing given its abandoned state. Donated by Bob van Aalst and his wife Sylvia to the GHC and delivered by them to Lasham on 19/6/2019



"Pink Panther" probably taken at a VGC rally (Bob van Aalst)

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First rigging at Lasham



Mira van Aalst painting
on the Pink Panther logo



Bob and Sylvia van Aalst with
Colin Simpson

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