



The **BAC Jet Provost** is a British jet trainer aircraft that was in use with the Royal Air Force (RAF) from 1955 to 1993. It was originally developed by Hunting Percival from the earlier piston engine-powered Percival Provost basic trainer, and later produced by the British Aircraft Corporation (BAC). In addition to the multiple RAF orders, the Jet Provost, sometimes with light armament, was exported to many air forces worldwide. The design was also further developed into a more heavily armed ground attack variant under the name BAC Strikemaster.

The T5 variant was fitted with the Viper 201 and cockpit pressurization. These developments encouraged the RAF to utilize the Jet Provost in a number of different roles besides basic training. With a top speed of 440 mph, excellent maneuverability, mechanical reliability and low operating costs, the Jet Provost was utilized as an aerobatic aircraft, air warfare and tactical weapons training as well as advanced training. The first T5 made its maiden flight on 28 February 1967 and deliveries from BAC's Warton factory commenced on 3 September 1969. Operators of the T5 included the RAFs Central Flying School and No. 1, No. 3 and No. 6 Flying Training Schools.

The Jet Provost remains popular among private operators and enthusiasts; being a relatively inexpensive jet, many have been acquired and maintained in a flightworthy condition by collectors and private individuals. Some are flown at airshows, whilst roughly equal numbers are maintained in ground-runnable condition at various locations, many of these being in the United Kingdom.

The BAC Jet Provost N287XW, flown by pilot Rich Dawe, is a 1971 Mk5, British jet training aircraft.

N287XW Specifications:

- Powered by a single 2,450 pounds of thrust, Rolls Royce Viper jet engine.
- Max speed of 440 mph
- Capable of positive 6 to negative 3 Gs.
- Service ceiling 36,700ft
- Dual controls
- Max T/O weight 8,524lbs