

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



TYPE	Diamant 18
Manufacturer	FFA (Flug-und-Fahrzeugwerke Altenrhein) Switzerland, c/n 33
Year of manufacture	1968
Registration marks	BGA 1469, CDW
Airworthy	NO – last flew in 2023, ARC expired 4/11/2023. The intention is to get the ARC renewed over the winter so it can fly again in 2026.
History	Bought new by Humphrey Dimock in April 1968, the second Diamant to enter the UK, first flew 21 April 1968. Humphrey was a very keen competition pilot. Up until he sold the glider in Oct 1970 to P.Wybrow he'd flown 4 big comps, 2 abroad and 2 Nationals in the UK – the 1969 one at Lasham Subsequently a number of private owner syndicates culminating with David Chapman in Aug 2007.
Notable flights	Lots of good wave flights. Unsure if it's ever done 500k.
Restoration history	Always been a UK glider and always well looked after and pretty regularly flown apart from 2 big gaps – 1980-1986; 2010-2019. The paperwork for the glider is outstanding.
Other	Donated to the GHC by David Chapman and trailed down to Lasham on Sat 5 Sept 2025 from the Staffordshire GC. The Swiss Diamant is an iconic glider, one of the very first production glass gliders, a contemporary at the time of the German Bolkow Phoebus, and a significantly better glider.



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