

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



TYPE	Spalinger 21h
Manufacturer	J.Lemp, Wynau, Canton Bern, Switzerland
Year of manufacture	1944, probably started 1943
Registration marks	HB357, BGA trigraph MAO
Airworthy	Made its first two low level auto-tow launches on the 6 June 2024. Had its first full launch with an aerotow on 25 June. Gary Pullen the pilot for all three. The testing programme continues, hopefully ending up with a full CofA but could be just a Permit to Fly.
History	First entered in the Swiss register 29 June 1944 and removed 29 August 1969. Last flight unknown but could well be early 1960s. Acquired by David Braham and brought to the UK early 1980.
Notable flights	None known. So far no documentation has been found for the specific glider and it seems unlikely that any will. So flight hours and number of flights is unknown.
Restoration history	Storage since 1980 and in all probability many years before that as well. Initially the restoration at the GHC was cosmetic so the glider could be put on display in a GHC hangar. A full restoration was seen as a massive project – and so it proved! This was started on the 18 Apr 2021 with a team headed by Gary Pullen once the GHC workshop had been completed. Effectively finished on the 24 Nov 2023 when the repaired canopy was refitted.
Other	Trailed back from David Braham's workshop to the GHC at Lasham 21 December 2017.



Spalinger on the GHC meadow 28 Jul 2024 (Courtesy Paul Haliday)

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Colin Simpson and Ray Whittaker in the 2 nd GHC hangar	First rigged in the 2 nd GHC hangar	S21h at Swiss Transport Museum
 (Taken during its flying days in Switzerland)		
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