

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



TYPE	Dart T.51, 15m
Manufacturer	Slingsby, Kirbymoorside, c/n 1405, this is the prototype Dart
Year of manufacture	1963,
Registration marks	BGA 1187, G-DBSA
Airworthy	Currently No. After a thorough inspection flew again at Lasham on 2/5/2021. CofA expired 28/4/2022, Last flew 9/7/2021 1510 hours, 1465 launches.
History	First flew 26 th Nov 1963. Was the factory demonstrator initially. 15 private owners/syndicates recorded after being sold by Slingsbys, appears never to have been a club glider. Last flight Jul 2016 before coming to the GHC
Notable flights	Little entered in the logbook. Most notable by far Gold C height at the Mynd Aug 1988 from a bungee launch. At end 2016 1502 hours from 1856 flights
Restoration history	Wings recovered 1992, fuselage and tailplane 1997
Other	The first of 77 T.51 Darts built by Slingsbys. The prototype has a 15m span, fixed undercarriage, and a wooden spar – later ones had metal laminate spars. Most successful version undoubtedly the 17R. Donated to the GHC by Robin Birch and trailed to Lasham by Lemmy Tanner on the 7 May 2019



Photo taken by Nigel Frost in 2013



As the initial demonstrator

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