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## Training Aircraft Used by the RAF



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<p><b>Tutor T Mark 1:</b> The Tutor is the military designation of the Grob 115E which began service in 1999, replacing the Bulldog. It is used by the Central Flying School and for elementary Weapon Systems Operator (WSO) training at the RAF College Cranwell. All of the Tutors in RAF service are provided by VT Group.</p>	
<p><b>Tucano:</b> The Tucano is a basic flying trainer with a Brazilian design and American Garrett TPE331 turboprop. It seats two in tandem. It is used to develop students in a full range of skills, including general aircraft handling, formation flying and low-level navigation.</p>	
<p><b>King Air:</b> The Beechcraft King Air B200 entered service with No.3 Flying Training School at RAF Cranwell in April 2004. It is used as an advanced, multi-engine pilot trainer by No 45 (Reserve) Squadron at RAF Cranwell.</p>	
<p><b>Hawk T1:</b> Operational with the RAF since 1976, the Hawk is a two-seat advanced trainer. It is also used in a weapons and tactical training role at RAF Valley by IV Squadron.</p>	
<p><b>Hawk T2:</b> The Hawk T2 is the next generation 'fly by wire' fast jet trainer to replace the Hawk T1 in both advanced flying and weapons training. It is used to train pilots for the Tornado GR4, Typhoon and the future Joint Combat Aircraft.</p>	

**Squirrel HT1/HT2:**

The Squirrel is a single engine, light training helicopter operated by the Defence Helicopter Flying School, RAF Shawbury. It is powered by a gas turbine engine which drives a 3-bladed main rotor and a twin-bladed tail. It is used for Single Engine Basic Rotary Wing (SEBRW) training and Single Engine Advanced Rotary Wing (SEARW) training.



**Griffin HT1:**

The Griffin is the UK military version of the civilian Bell 412 helicopter and is powered by two turboshaft engines which drive an advanced design 4-bladed main rotor and a twin-bladed tail rotor. It is used as an advanced flying-training helicopter at the Defence Helicopter Flying School (DHFS) at RAF Shawbury, in Shropshire, and the Search and Rescue Training Unit (SARTU) at RAF Valley, in Anglesey.

