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Development of VUT 001 MARABU aircraft



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VUT 001 MARABU = *Experimental aircraft to support development of systems for civil UAVs / UAS*

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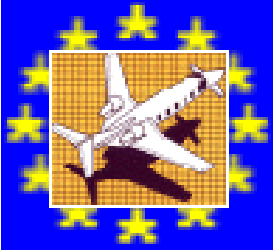
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Introduction

Major issues connected with development of UAVs:

- ***Non-existence of widely accepted regulation requirements for development and operation of civil UAVs***

Serious issue affecting development and testing of UAVs in civil airspace. Especially European airspace is „overcrowded“ and offers very limited possibilities for UAV development and operations. Use of special testing ranges may be very expensive.

- ***Simultaneous development of 2 critical elements: Aerial Vehicle and Ground Control Station***

Simultaneous development of 2 critical elements makes first flight tests risky.





Project VUT 001 MARABU

Project number: FI-IM3/041

Development of civil UAV platform supported by Ministry of Industry and Trade (Czech Republic), held together with industrial partners (2006-2009)

Solution proposed by prof. Pistek

- **Development of a „Flying Platform“** (*at the first stage proposed as piloted aircraft with 600kg MTOW – to overcome legal issues*)
- **Preparation of the experimental aircraft for integration of equipment and systems developed for UAVs** (*based partially on COTS components*) .. **and step-by-step integration of suitable UAV systems**
- **Development of new propulsion units**

Project Partners

Coordinator:

Letecký ústav (IAE)

FSI VUT v Brně, Technická 2, Brno,

Responsible person:

Prof. Ing. Antonín Pištěk, CSc.

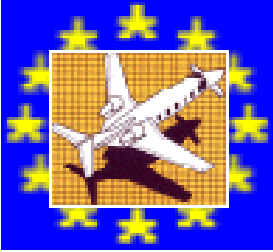
Partners:

První Brněnská strojírna Velká Bíteš, a.s.,
Vlkovská 279, 595 12 Velká Bíteš

JIHLAVAN airplanes, s.r.o.,
Znojemská 824/64, 586 01 Jihlava

PLASTSERVIS-L, s.r.o.,
Nová Ves 48





Project VUT 001 MARABU

Project definition

Regulation status (EASA, CAA, Traffic rules)

- Traffic at civil spaceCivil Permit to Fly, Civil standards,CAA approval
- UAV control equipment and application presumption, Equipment volumeequivalent to pilot mass and volume
- Flight learning ...step by step 1 pilot and equipment ...Payload 180 kgs

Power plant

- Low and high altitude flights
- Long endurance Low consumptionpiston engine
- Testing of JET power

Future exploitation of aircraft for sport flying

- Possibility normal using of plane (2 pilots)





Perspective Development of VUT 001 Marabu

Industry interested in UAVs exists in Czech Republic

Association of the Aviation Manufacturers
(UAV Group)

Czech Unmanned Systems Manufacturers
Association

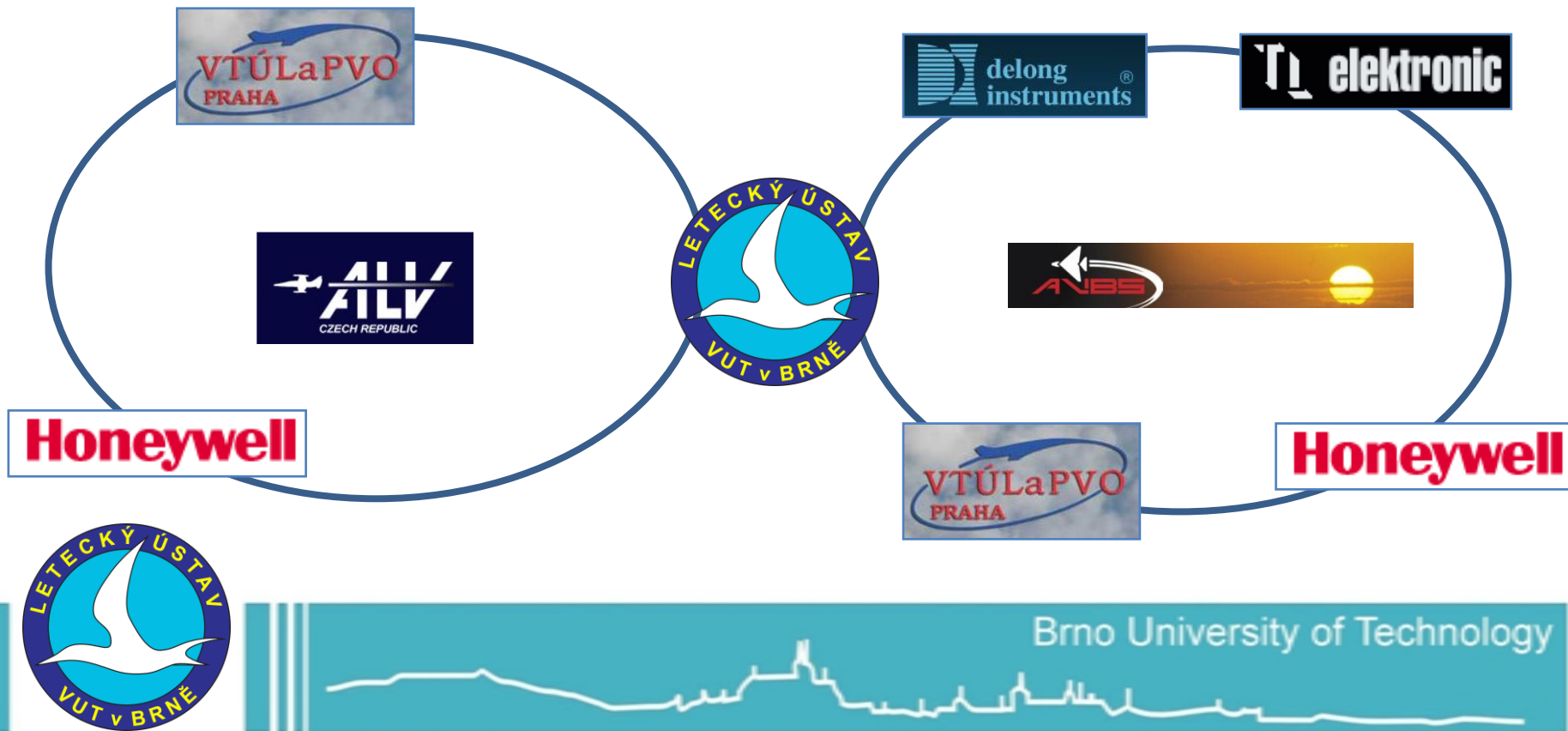




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HERTI (developed in Warton, UK).



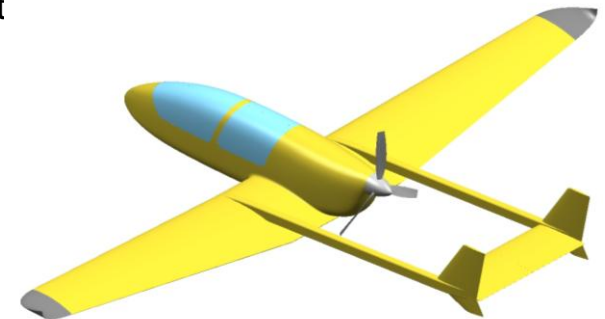


Early Development

Variant A Czech piston engine M 132 and twin boom fuselage concept

Variant B

Two TJ100A jets on rear part of the fuselage



Variant C

Rotax piston engine and butterfly tail unit

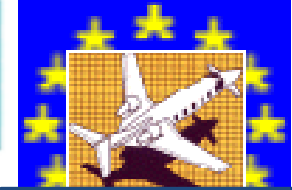


*History of
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concepts*



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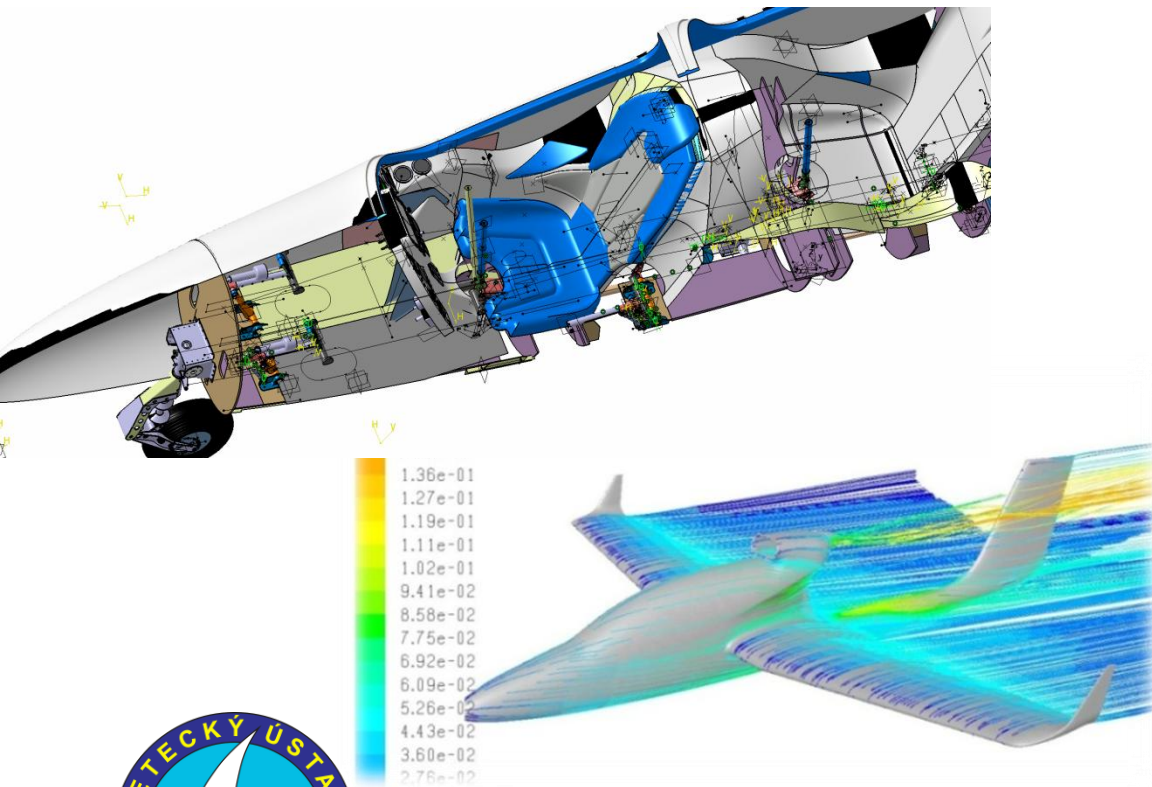
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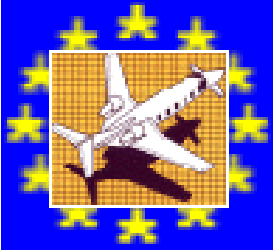
- CAD approach was used from conceptual design through preliminary design up to detail digital model of the prototype.
- Aerodynamic concept was optimized using CFD methods to enable excellent performance characteristics.



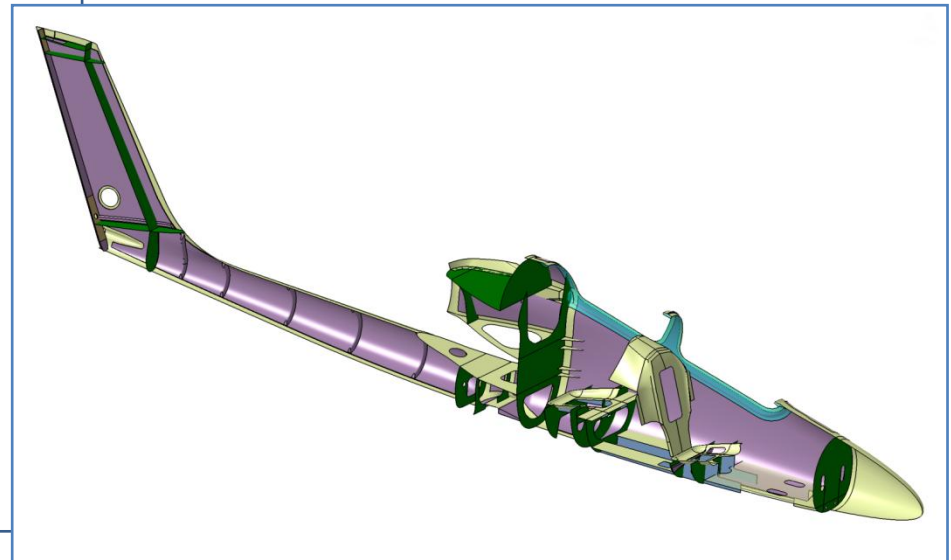
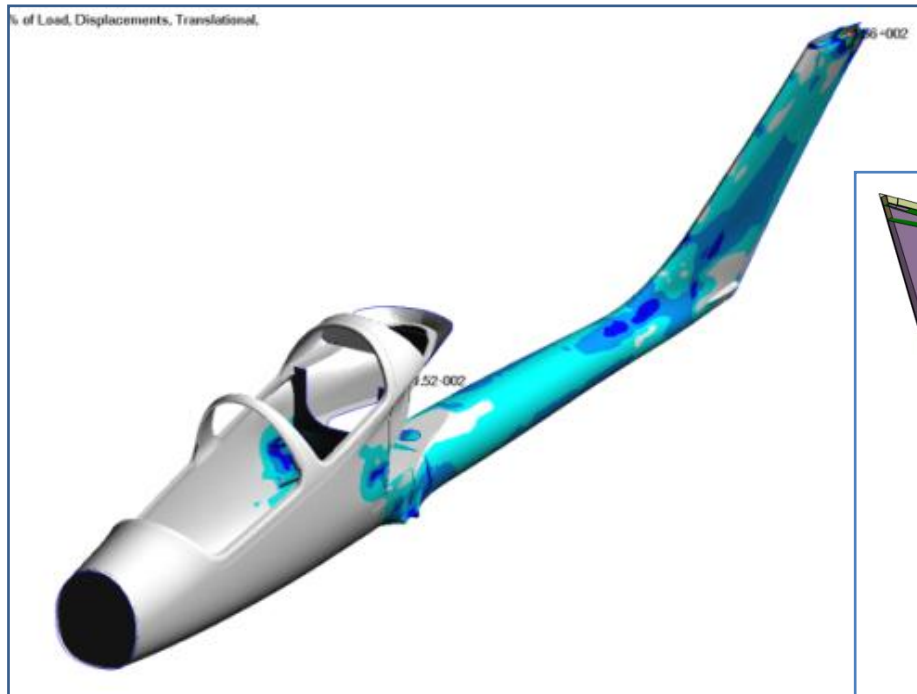
VUT 001 Marabu characteristics

Geometry	Wingspan	9,9 m
	Length	8,1 m
	Height	2,4 m
Weights	Max. take-off	600 kg
	Empty	380 kg
	Max. fuel	141 kg (188 liters)
Performance	Max. speed	260 km/h
	Endurance	7 h





- Structure of the fuselage was designed using composite materials to enable light and stiff structure.
- Modern FEM for structural analysis were applied to further reduce weight of the structure and to enable quick definition of dimensions for critical structural parts.





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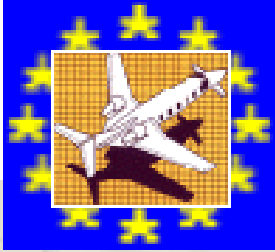
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VUT 001 Marabu systems

Major requirements on VUT 001 MARABU systems:

- ***Movement to More-Electric-Aircraft (MEA) concept:***

Target is to make as many systems as possible electrically driven. This will enable smooth step-by-step transition from fully piloted aircraft (today) into fully automatic aircraft (in the future).

- ***Step-by-step integration of UAV systems should be enabled:***

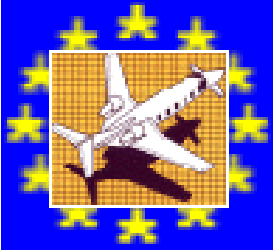
Based on the statistical analysis, most UAVs are designed with max. take-off weight of 600kg or less (88% of designed UAVs).

Proposed experimental aircraft provides enough space and typical electric system for integration of majority of developed equipment.

- ***Provisions for back-up of critical systems:***

Provisions to optionally attach second alternator were made to provide back-up function and to increase an overall capacity of the electric system for future experimental applications.





VUT 001 Marabu systems

Comparison of systems in typical conventional aircraft and VUT 001 Marabu

System	Type of System	
	Conventional Aircraft (FAR-LSA, CS-VLA)	VUT 001 MARABU
Primary Flight Controls	Mechanical (push/pull rods, cables, etc.)	Mechanical (push/pull rods, cables, etc.) – provisions are done to mount autopilot servos
Trim System	Mechanical (cables, etc.)	Electrical (elevator, rudder)
Flaps Extension/Retraction	Mechanical (push/pull rods)	Electrical (electromechanical strut)
Electric System	Simple with 1 alternator and 1 battery (optionally, second alternator to increase capacity is used interconnected with the single battery used also for ALT1)	2 alternators and 2 batteries create redundant system with two independent channels. Additional independent channels can be supplied by own energy sources (batteries, fuel cell stacks, etc.).



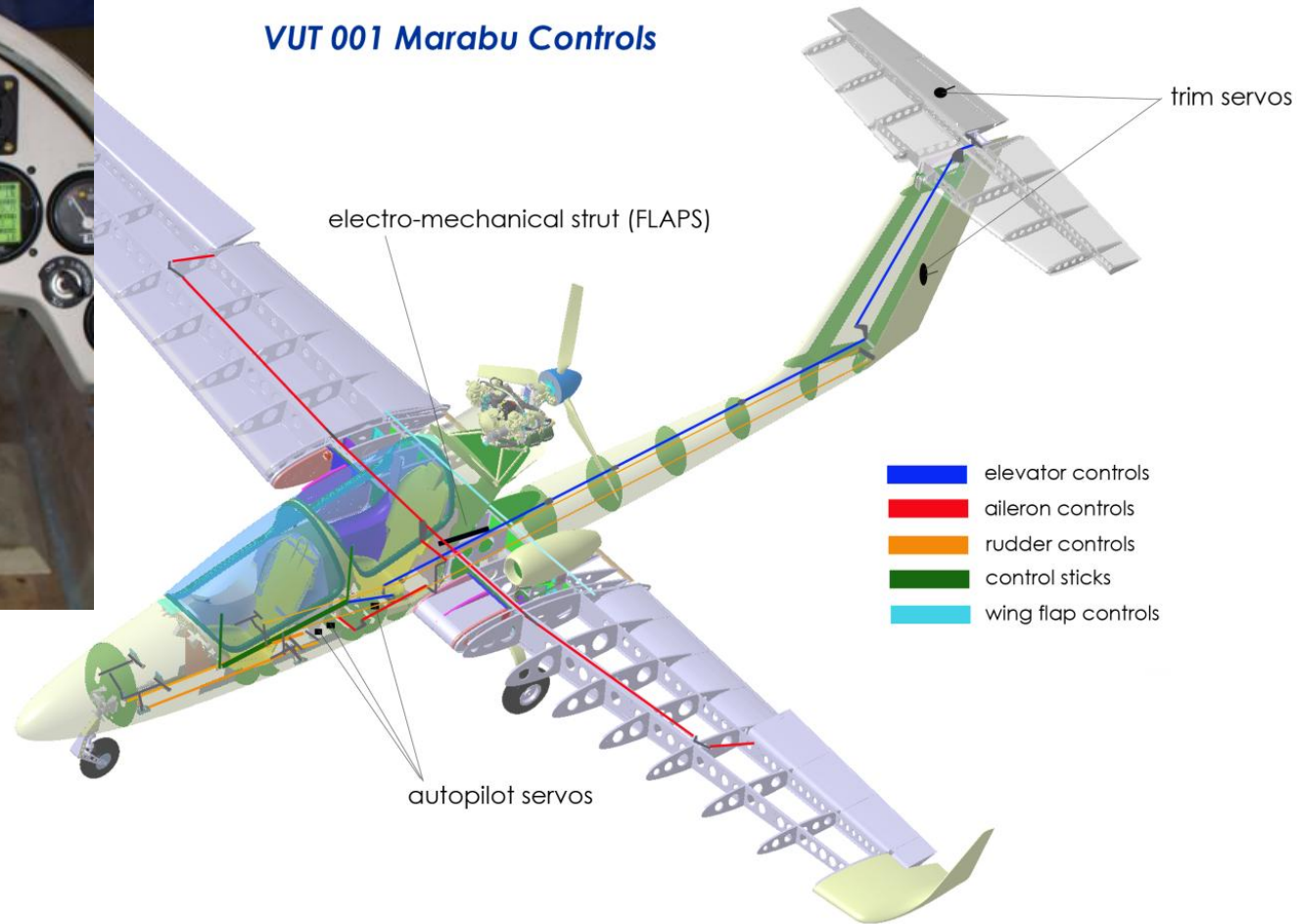


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VUT 001 Marabu Controls



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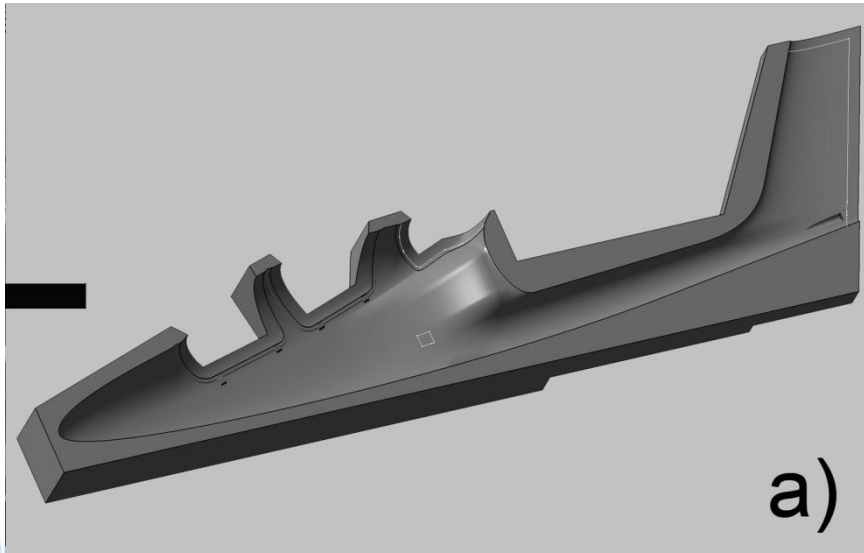


Prototype aircraft production

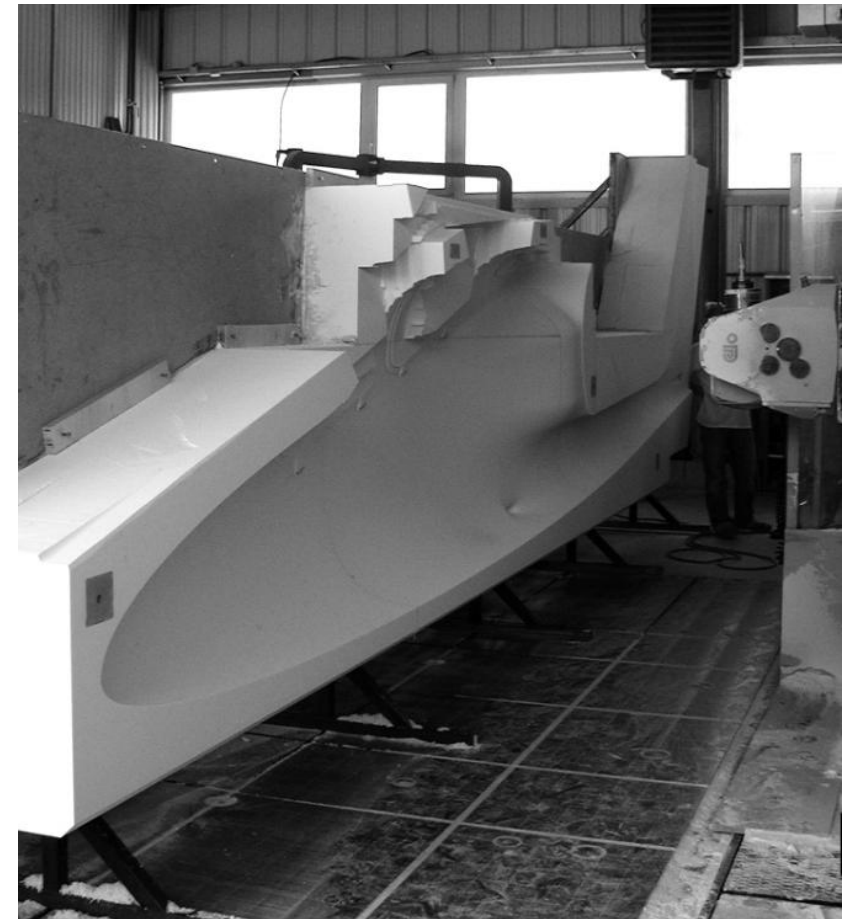
Fuselage production

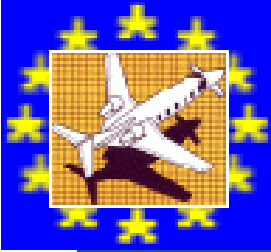
Specific at academic environment

All activities were in large extend performed by young engineers, researchers and students at the university. This could be done as a result of IAE's long time activities focused on building of capacities for research and development.



Negative mould





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Prototype aircraft production



First positive model



Final bonding of prototype



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Prototype aircraft production



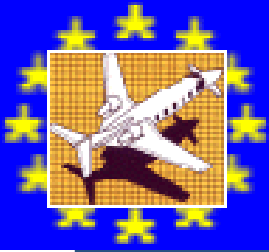
First engine test



Fuselage test



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Prototype aircraft production

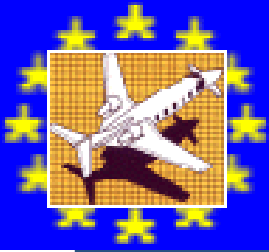
Required structure tests:

- Wing tests – Ultimate load
- Centroplane test – Ultimate load
- Test of Ailerons – Ultimate load
- Test of Flaps – Ultimate load
- Winglet test – Ultimate load
- Fuel tank test - Ultimate load
- Fuselage test – Ultimate load
- Stabilizer and elevator tests – Ultimate load
- Seats and seat belts joint tests – Ultimate load
- Engine mount test – Ultimate load
- Control system – Limit load
- Nose landing gear – drop tests
- Main landing gear – drop tests
- ...



Centroplane torion test

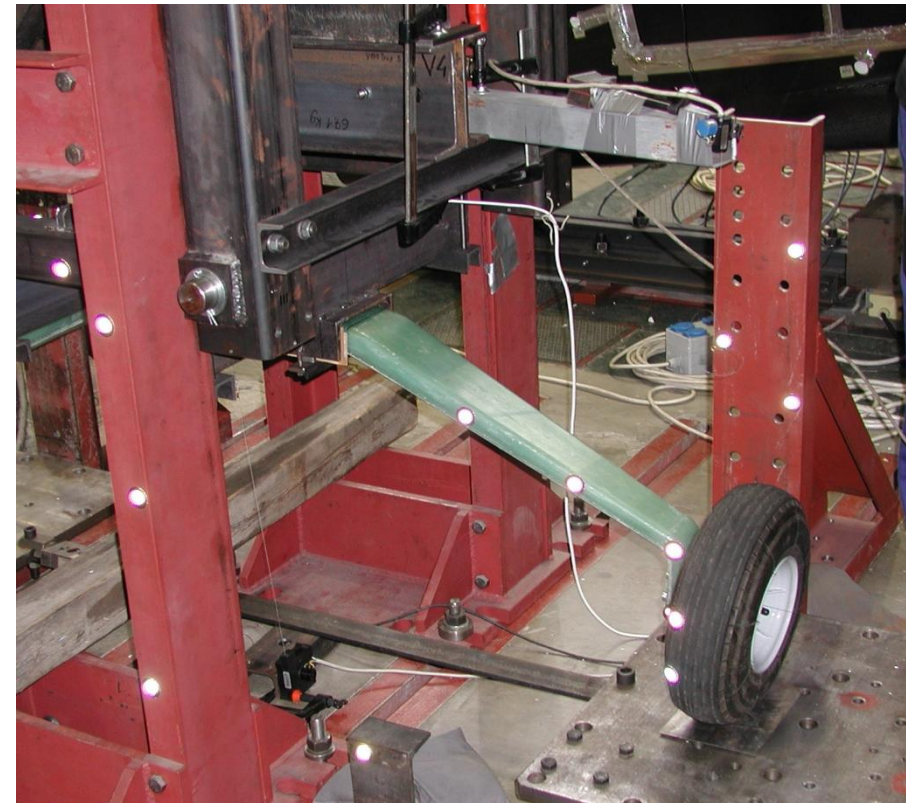




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Landing gear test





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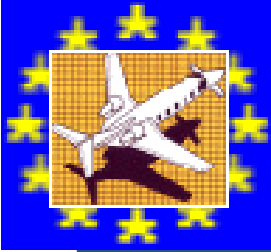


Final prototype assembly



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Permit to Flight

Requirements of Czech CAA (before first take-off)

•Ground tests:

- *Mass and centre of gravity definition*
- *Airplane leveling, real control surfaces definition*
- *Test of pitot-static system*
- *Engines test + static thrust measurement*
- *Board instruments calibration*
- *Test of electric system*
- *Test of fuel system*
- *Test of flaps operation*
- *Taxing capability and stability*

•Flight manual

•Maintenance manual

•Instruction for test flights



VUT 001 Marabu

Technická specifikace

VYSOKÉ UČENÍ TECHNICKÉ V BRNĚ
FAKULTA STROJNÍHO INŽENÝRSTVÍ
LETECKÝ ÚSTAV
Technická 2884/2, 614 09 BRNO, IČ: 00216303

Číslo zprávy:
LU 53-2006-001.AS



TECHNICKÁ SPECIFIKACE LETOUNU VUT 001 MARABU

Anotace:

Ve zprávě je uvedeno zadání projektu VUT 001 Marabu. Popis, specifikace, učení a základní technické parametry letounu. Zpráva slouží jako průkaz požadavků hlavy A předpisu CS-VLA.

Vypracoval:
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Ing. Miroslav Špíchal, Ph.D.

Vedoucí projektu:
Prof. Ing. Antonín Pištěk, CSc.

Schválil:
Prof. Ing. Antonín Pištěk, CSc.
ředitel Leteckého ústavu

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datum vydání zprávy 15.4.2010
revize č.:2

stran: 15
strana: 1



Permit to Flight

ÚŘAD PRO CIVILNÍ LETECTVÍ
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA



CZECH REPUBLIC

ZVLÁŠTNÍ OSVĚDČENÍ LETOVÉ
ZPŮSOBILOSTI

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF AIRWORTHINESS

Č. / No: ZOLZ - 5530

1. Poznávací značka Nationality and Registration Mark	2. Výrobce a typ letadla Manufacturer and Manufacturer's Designation of Aircraft	3. Výrobní číslo Aircraft Serial No.
OK - VUT	Vysoké učení technické v Brně VUT 001 Marabu	001
4. Kategorie Categories	Experimentální - Experimental	
Provozní omezení dle L6/II Dodatek C – Operational limitation according to L6/II Appendix C: 1.1.a) zkoušení nových koncepcí za podmínek dodržení omezení 1.2.a) až f) 1.1.b) lety k průkazu požadavků předpisu způsobilosti na funkci a spolehlivosti za podmínek dodržení omezení 1.2.a) až f)		
Omezení - Limitations: - Pilot musí být držitelem kvalifikace "zkušební pilot bez omezení", dle AIC C 41/94 - Zkušební lety dle článku 1.1.a) a 1.1.b) L6/II dodatek C musí být prováděny za dodržení podmínek stanovených v SOUHLASU S PROVEDENÍM ZKUŠEBNÍHO LETU (série letů) č.j. 4176-09-401 a pouze v rozsahu programu schváleného Úřadem. - Pilot musí být vždy vybaven záchranným padákem - Pilot musí informovat v souladu s 2.b) L6/II dodatek C		

Toto letadlo nesmí být provozováno nad územím jiného státu bez povolení jeho Leteckého úřadu.

This aircraft shall not be operated over any other country without Civil Aviation Authority permission of that country.

30-11-2009

Datum vydání - Date of issue
(dd-mm-rrrr) - (dd-mm-yyyy)(Michal Štěpán)
Podpis - SignatureÚřad pro civilní letectví České Republiky
sekke technická

Vydáno pod č.j.: 4541-10-401



ROZHODNUTÍ

Podle usanovení § 15 odst. 2 zákona o civilním letectví č. 49/1997 Sb. v platném znění
a na základě žádosti vydává ÚCL

Souhlas s provedením zkušebního letu

Společnosti : Vysoké učení technické v Brně
Fakulta strojního inženýrství
Letecký ústavse sídlem : Technická 2896/2
616 69 Brno

Držiteli oprávnění: výrobci letadla

který provede s letadlem
typu : VUT 001 MARABU

poznávací značka : OK-VUT

Omezení a podmínky pro provádění zkušebních letů :

1. Nedílnou přílohou tohoto Rozhodnutí je Instrukce pro provádění zkušebních letů letounu VUT 001 Marabu č. LU47-2009-001.SM, schválená Úřadem.
2. Lety (série letů) budou prováděny z letiště Kunovice LKKU a Jihlava LKJH jako zkušební lety pro ověření způsobilosti individuálně vyrobeného letadla dle ustanovení §9 zákona č. 49/1997 Sb. o civilním letectví v platném znění a budou vedeny jako zkušební lety dle předpisu L6/II Dodatek C, bod 1.1 a) a b). Součástí zkoušek letounu bude ověřování proudového motoru TJ 100C a vlastností letadla s pohonem touto jednotkou.
3. Lety budou prováděny v rozsahu provozních omezení stanovených letovou příručkou a Úřadem schválenými programy zkoušek.
4. Zkušební lety budou prováděny v prostoru vymezeném letištním řádem letiště na němž budou prováděny, v rozsahu a s omezeními dle schváleného programu zkoušek.
5. Lety mohou být provedeny pouze se souhlasem provozovatele daného letiště.
6. Ošetřování, přípravu a zajištění letadla k letu budou provádět osoby dle seznamu posmanního personálu uvedené v Instrukci pro zkušební lety.
7. Zkušební lety budou provádět piloti s kvalifikací pro zkušební lety bez omezení dle AIC C 41/94, uvedení v Instrukci pro zkušební lety.
8. Na zkušební let vydá příkaz k letu odpovědná osoba provozovatele VUT Brno.
9. Za zpracování PRG a MET a vyhodnocování zkoušek pro letoun je odpovědná skupina aerodynamiky, pro motor TJ 100C pracovníci PBS Velká Bíteš.
10. Platnost tohoto Souhlasu je omezena na odletání schváleného programu zkoušek, nejpozději však do 30.11.2011.

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First Flight



VUT 001 Marabu took-off for the first time on 29th April 2010.

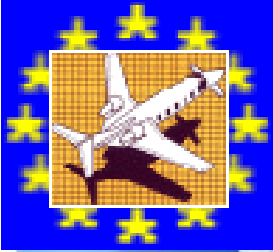
First test flights were performed in Kunovice (south east part of the Czech Republic).

Test-pilot Stanislav Sklenar reported excellent handling and performance characteristics.



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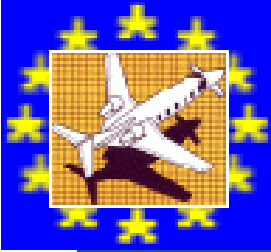
MSV2010 - The International Engineering Fair

Experimental airplane
VUT 001 Marabu was
recently awarded with
Gold Medal MSV 2010.



MSV 2010 = the largest presentation
of industrial technologies in the area
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First cross-country fly



*Fly from LKKU to LKJI for
next test flights*



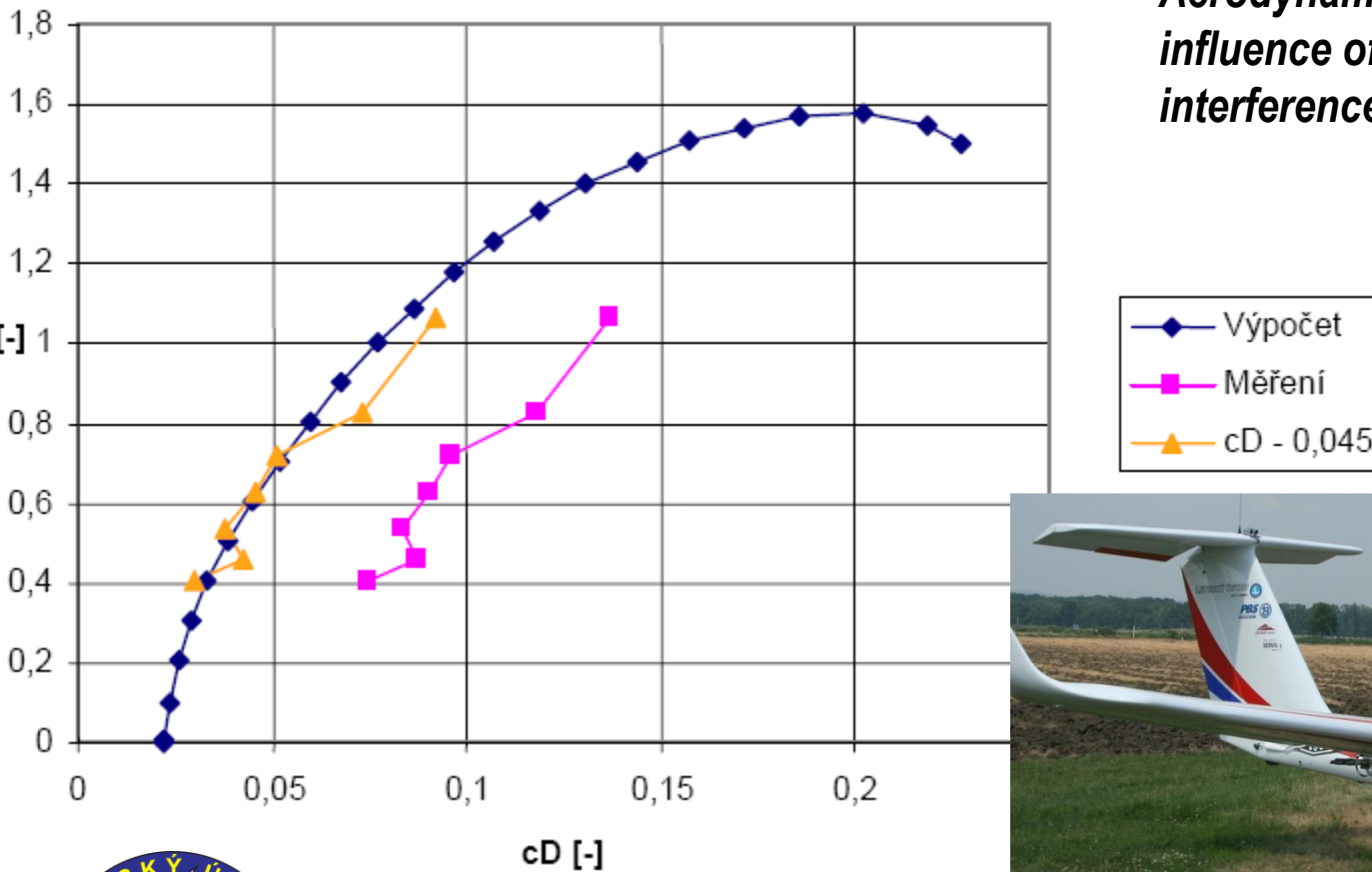
*Test-pilot Jaromir
Hammer*



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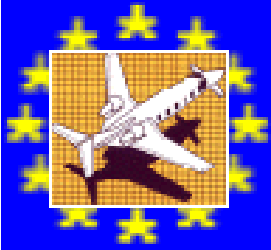


Flight Tests



Aerodynamic polar – significant influence of fuselage-wing interference drag





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Flight Tests



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Perspective Development of VUT 001 Marabu

Applications and perspective development of VUT 001 Marabu

A) UAV activities

- Finalization of full UAV version – automatic control system
- Development of sensors and components for critical systems of UAVs
- Low cost testing of equipment for various missions
- Simulation of different mission profiles

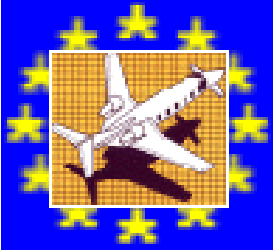
B) Non-UAV applications

- Flight measurements of characteristics for developed jet engines
- Development and production of VUT 061 Turbo – modification for turboprop engine TP-100 (180kW)
- Development and production of VUT 051 Ray – modification for non-conventional propulsion (electric engine, on-going activity)



*Pilot Stanislav Sklenar
and prof. Pistek*





Experimental jet engine TJ100M

Small jet engine developed
in **PBS**, Velká Bíteš.

TJ 100M



**TJ100M jet engine with thrust up to
1100N designed for UAV applications**



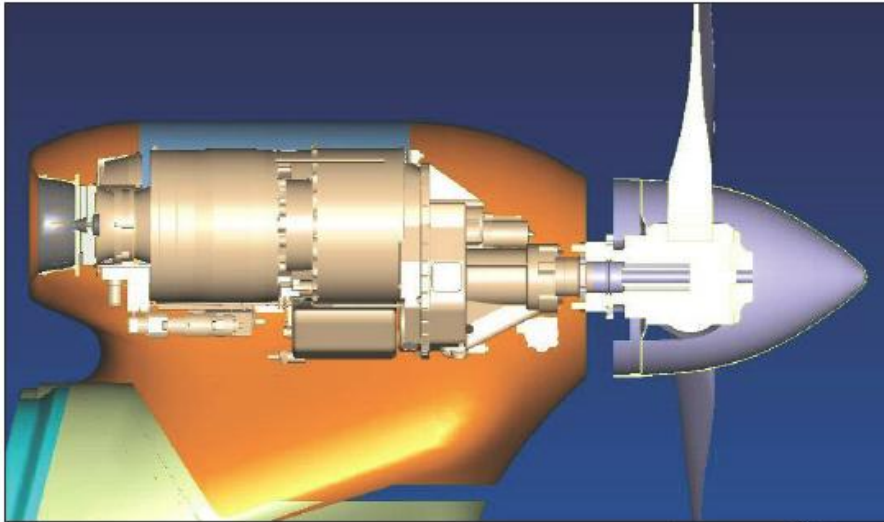
Yabhoon aerial target (uses TJ100)



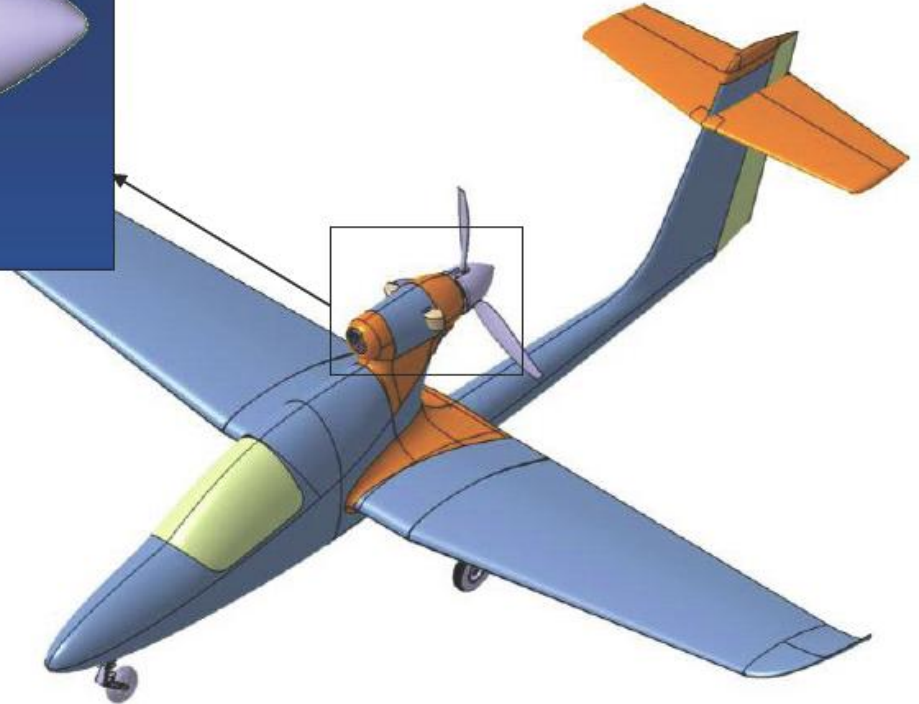
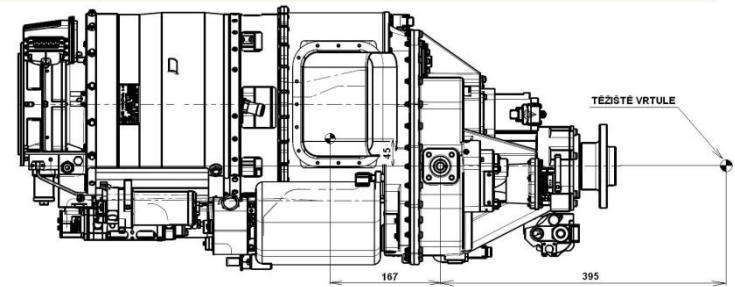
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VUT 061 Turbo



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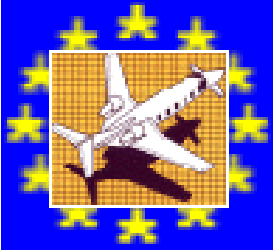


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