



Creating a safe and secure world, together

CASE STUDY

LIGHT AIRCRAFT FLYING TASK (LAFT2)

At a glance

- › Babcock has delivered more than 700,000 flight hours of training during its 23 years delivering the Light Aircraft Flying Task contract for the MOD
- › 91 Babcock-owned Grob 115E Tutor aircraft operate across 14 UK sites to support flight training for the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force pilots of tomorrow.

This full-service partnership provides the MOD with a cost-effective way to operate flying training backed by our understanding of the military training ethos



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Babcock designs tailor-made integrated solutions and develops complex projects allowing its partners to focus on their core business: operational preparation.

Babcock has successfully delivered the LAFT and LAFT2 contracts to the MOD for over 20 years. We own, manage, maintain and create availability for a fleet of 91 Grob 115E

“Tutor” civil registered aircraft in support of UK Armed Forces’ operations. Active seven days a week, and having flown a total of 700,000 flying hours, the Tutor aircraft

have been delivering MOD Elementary Flying Training (EFT), University Air Squadrons (UAS) and Air Experience Flying (AEF) since 1999. Babcock provides aircraft, support services and flying instructors supporting University



Air Squadrons and Army/Royal Navy Flying Grading and offer the RAF Air Cadet organisation and University Air Squadrons a safe and memorable flying and ground experience. Babcock understands and adopts the military ethos and is embedded within the MOD Duty Holder chain. While providing continued airworthiness assurance and operational risk management, we remain ‘Trusted to Deliver’ the flying hours to support the customers needs.

Smooth transition into the UK Military Flying Training System

With the Grob 115E being the platform of choice for LAFT, Army/Royal Navy flying grading students and University Air Squadron graduates can smoothly transition into the UK Military Flying Training System. Following Elementary Flying Training, students can progress into multi engine, helicopter or fast jet training.

Enhanced flexibility through the use of a Babcock fleet

Throughout the many years of our relationship with our Military Customers,

Babcock has demonstrated a clear evidence of a flexible approach to delivery and going the extra mile. Delivering the contract using a Babcock owned fleet allows us to deploy our aircraft in a way that will maximise efficiency and meet customer requirements. This flexibility enables Babcock to respond to changes in training requirements across the United Kingdom.

Outstanding MRO capability to maximise training output

Babcock holds CAA Part 145 and Part CAO approvals enabling a turn-key availability service. Babcock manages all elements of Tutor continuing airworthiness, supply chain and assets, including re-provision, warehousing, inhouse MRO services, distribution, trade controls, third-party repair and managing the relationship with the OEM.

With most aircraft MRO activities taking place at one of our 13 operating locations, we also have a depot maintenance capability at our MRO hub at RAF Wittering.



Services

91 Babcock-owned Grob 115E “Tutor” aircraft

13 operating bases

Over 300 employees

Up to 31,500 flying hours per year

Flying training to all 3 UK Armed Forces