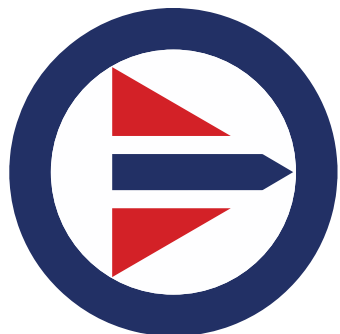


SAAB SB-91B2 SAFIR

UA-Y Tail No. 57344 BuNo. 91344



The Saab Model 91 - SAFIR - was developed in Sweden. The Safir's first flight was on 20. November 1945. The all-metal Safir was designed by Anders J. Andersson who had previously worked for Bücker, where he designed the all-wood Bücker Bu 181 "Bestmann". The Safir thus shared many conceptual features of its design with the Bestmann. The 91B, B-2 and C have a six-cylinder Lycoming O-435A engine with 190 hp.

The aircraft was primarily built as a basic trainer but was also used as an observation aircraft and in light troop transport missions.

The Royal Norwegian Airforce (RNoAF) received the first Safirs in 1956/57 and the aircraft went out of service in 1982. A total of 30 aircraft were used by RNoAF.

Sola Flystasjon Flyklubb is a flying club operating from Sola Air Station. The club was founded in 1984 and operates two Safirs. The main focus for the flying club is aerobatic and formation training and to preserve and operate vintage aircraft.

