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Angus Munro says in his amusing way “I can't quite remember what aircraft type this is, seen at Farnborough when I went there with my son and daughter-in-law. But I do know that it was very noisy and on take-off completely stopped the conversations of everybody in the crowd who showed their disapproval by clapping their hands together in a manner such as might be used to scare off a noisy seagull. If you zoom to the nose there is some writing, probably graffiti applied by some job. I can't quite read it myself because my glasses are downstairs.” – Well it has been named “Spirit of Great Britain”.

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The Spirit of Great Britain 1960-2010

Avro Vulcan XH558 “The Spirit Of Great Britain” is the only airworthy example of the 134 Avro Vulcan V-bombers that were operated by the Royal Air Force from 1953 until 1984. Vulcan XH558 served with the RAF between 1960 and 1985 in the bomber, maritime reconnaissance and air-to-air refuelling roles. The RAF operated XH558 as a display aircraft from 1986 until 1992, when budget cuts forced its retirement. It is operated at present by the Vulcan to the Sky Trust as a display aircraft, funded entirely by charitable donations and the UK Lottery's Heritage Fund. It is registered with the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority as G-VLCN but has an exemption to fly in Royal Air Force markings as XH558.

See a video of the Avro Vulcan XH558 first flight on YouTube at: <http://www.thunder-and-lightnings.co.uk/vulcan/tothesky.php>

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