

J 28 B Vampire

In December 1953, it was decided that the S 26 Mustang would be replaced by a more modern aircraft, namely the reconnaissance aircraft S 29 C Tunnan. To give the pilot jet engine training, five J 28 B Vampires from F 8 Barkarby was placed at F 21 Kallax and also one J 28 C were placed there the same year.

J 28 Vampire was the first jet engine airplane in the air force and the first version, J 28 A, was delivered in 1946. In connection with the conversion to SAAB 29 Tunnan on fighter units, the Vampire plane (B and C versions) was transferred to Krigsflygskolan in Ljungbyhed.

The J 28s that were on Kallax were not equipped with reconnaissance cameras, but the purpose of the aircraft was only to give the pilots flight training on jet aircraft.

This individual of J 28 B with No. 28391 has a motley past. The last flight exercise was as a school aircraft on F 5 Ljungbyhed. Then it was placed as an exercise object on F 14 Halmstad. The next service was RFN Vidsel as a target. Then an exchange deal occurred between a museum in Småland and the Air Force Museum and then the plane became civilian. After a number of years on the roof of the museum, it became for sale and ended up with a private individual. After another sale, a renovation of the plane began. It can be mentioned that then the plane was in very poor condition. Today it is again owned by an aviation museum.