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1947 Auster J/1 Autocrat

Kochel, Germany

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DESCRIPTION

The 1947 Auster J/1 Autocrat is a distinctive classic British aircraft for sale , combining post-war aviation heritage, practical three-seat accommodation, and the unmistakable character of a traditional high-wing touring aircraft.

Developed from the wartime Auster observation-aircraft family, the Auster J/1 Autocrat was created for the emerging civilian aviation market after the Second World War. The model first appeared in 1945 and became one of Britain's notable early post-war touring aircraft, with approximately 420 three-seat examples produced.

With its high-wing aircraft configuration, fixed conventional landing gear, fabric-covered airframe, spacious glazing, and upright cabin proportions, the Auster Autocrat offers an authentic vintage flying experience with more practicality than many two-seat classics.

For buyers searching for an Auster J/1 Autocrat for sale , classic British aircraft , vintage aircraft auction , three-seat tailwheel aircraft , or collector aircraft , this 1947 example represents an appealing opportunity to acquire a historically relevant European touring aircraft.

Key Listing Highlights

Highlight

Why It Matters

Classic British aircraft

Strong connection to post-war European general aviation

Auster J/1 Autocrat

Recognizable and historically significant Auster model

Three-seat aircraft

Greater versatility than many two-seat vintage aircraft

High-wing aircraft

Excellent outward visibility and classic touring proportions

Tailwheel aircraft

Authentic conventional-gear flying character

100 hp piston engine

Suitable power for relaxed touring and recreational operation

Collector aircraft

Distinctive heritage and strong vintage-event appeal

From Military Heritage to Civilian Touring

The Auster J/1 Autocrat was developed as a civilian touring derivative of the Auster Mk V observation aircraft. The design retained the robust high-wing layout associated with wartime Austers while introducing a wider, more practical cabin and simplified civilian equipment.

The result was a capable post-war touring aircraft intended for private owners, aero clubs, charter operators, photography, and other light commercial duties. The first production aircraft was delivered in December 1945, and the model remained in production into the early 1950s.

This heritage gives the 1947 Auster J/1 Autocrat a compelling identity: it is not simply a vintage recreational aircraft, but part of the transition from wartime observation flying to post-war private aviation.

Technical Features and Flying Character

The original Auster J/1 Autocrat is powered by a Blackburn Cirrus Minor II , a four-cylinder, air-cooled inverted inline piston engine producing approximately 100 hp. Standard performance figures include a cruising speed of around 100 mph, a maximum speed of approximately 120 mph, and a standard range of around 320 miles.

Core Technical Appeal

- Single-engine piston aircraft
- Approximately 100 hp
- Traditional two-blade propeller configuration
- Fixed tailwheel landing gear
- Strut-braced high-wing aircraft layout
- Mechanically operated split flaps
- Three-seat cabin with a sideways-facing rear seat
- Fabric-covered structure over a welded steel-tube fuselage frame

The airframe combines welded steel-tube fuselage construction with fabric covering, while the wings use spruce spars, light-alloy ribs, metal-covered leading-edge sections, and external bracing. This construction gives the aircraft the authentic appearance and tactile character expected from a genuine 1940s light aircraft.

Exterior and Interior Character

The exterior of the 1947 Auster J/1 Autocrat is defined by its broad high wing, large cabin windows, fixed landing gear, compact engine cowling, and traditional tailwheel stance.

Its shape is immediately identifiable as a classic British touring aircraft. Compared with smaller trainers, the Autocrat has a more substantial cabin and a purposeful profile derived from the Auster observation-aircraft family.

Inside, the Auster J/1 offers accommodation for a pilot, a front-seat passenger, and a third occupant seated sideways behind the front seats. The cockpit is simple and functional, with analog instrumentation, traditional controls, and excellent visibility through the large windscreen and side windows.

Visual Features

- Large one-piece-style windscreen
- Broad cabin glazing
- Classic high-wing silhouette
- Fabric-covered fuselage and wings
- Fixed main landing gear
- Conventional tailwheel
- Compact inline-engine cowling
- Strong vintage-aircraft ramp presence

Ownership and Collector Appeal

The Auster J/1 Autocrat is particularly suitable for buyers who value European aviation history and want something less common than the typical American post-war trainer.

Its three-seat cabin adds useful flexibility, while its simple fixed-gear configuration keeps the aircraft visually and mechanically straightforward. The design is suitable for relaxed touring, local recreational flying, vintage rallies, fly-ins, heritage collections, and classic-aircraft events.

For a collector, the aircraft offers several attractive qualities:

- Recognizable British aviation heritage
- Direct development from a wartime observation-aircraft family
- Relatively limited production compared with mass-produced American trainers
- Authentic fabric-and-tube construction
- Distinctive three-seat cabin arrangement
- Strong relevance to the European vintage-aircraft market

Best Suited For

Buyer Type

Why the Aircraft Fits

Vintage aircraft collectors

Distinctive British heritage and limited production

Private owner-pilots

Relaxed recreational flying and light touring capability

Tailwheel pilots

Traditional conventional-gear handling

Flying clubs

Interesting heritage aircraft for members and events

Aviation museums

Relevant wartime-to-civilian development story

European classic-aircraft buyers

Stronger regional relevance than many American vintage models

The Perfect Airplane For

This 1947 Auster J/1 Autocrat is ideally suited to a buyer searching for a classic aircraft for sale with genuine British heritage, practical cabin space, and straightforward vintage construction.

It is especially compelling for those who appreciate:

- Classic British aircraft
- Vintage tailwheel aircraft
- Three-seat touring aircraft
- Post-war aviation history
- High-wing piston aircraft
- Fabric-covered aircraft
- European collector aircraft

- Vintage aircraft auctions

The Autocrat is not intended to compete with modern touring aircraft in speed, avionics, or payload. Its appeal lies in character, visibility, historical relevance, and the distinctive experience of operating a genuine 1940s aircraft.

Pros and Considerations

Advantages

Considerations

Strong collector aircraft identity

Fabric condition requires specialist inspection

Practical three-seat cabin

Performance is modest by modern standards

Classic British and European heritage

Tailwheel experience is recommended

Simple fixed landing gear

Original engine support should be investigated

Excellent cabin visibility

Avionics may be basic unless upgraded

Distinctive but uncomplicated design

Exact equipment varies significantly between aircraft

Strong content and photography potential

Structural and restoration history must be documented

Review-Style Summary

The 1947 Auster J/1 Autocrat is an excellent CollectAirs candidate because it offers a clear story, distinctive appearance, and strong regional relevance.

Its greatest strength is authenticity. The aircraft retains the practical proportions of a wartime observation design while presenting them in a civilian touring configuration. The result is a vintage aircraft that looks purposeful, historic, and approachable.

For search visibility, the listing can target terms including Auster J/1 Autocrat for sale , Auster aircraft for sale , classic British aircraft , vintage aircraft auction , three-seat tailwheel aircraft , and collector aircraft for sale .

SPECIFICATIONS

General Information

Year	**1947**
Model	**Auster J/1 Autocrat**

Engine & Power Systems

Engine	**Blackburn Cirrus Minor II**
Engine Type	**Single four-cylinder, inverted inline, air-cooled piston engine**
Horsepower	**Approximately 1 × 100 hp**
Propeller Type	**Two-blade propeller; exact installation to be verified**

Performance & Specifications

Cruise Speed	**Approximately 100 mph / 87 kt**
Passengers	**Up to 2 passengers plus 1 pilot / 3 seats total**

PHOTOGRAPHS

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