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1947 Globe Swift GC-1B

Düsseldorf-Pempelfort, Germany



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DESCRIPTION

The 1947 Globe Swift GC-1B is a highly charismatic classic aircraft for sale with true post-war American aviation heritage. Sleek, compact, all-metal, and visually closer to a small fighter than a standard light aircraft, the Globe Swift GC-1B offers a rare combination of vintage style, pilot engagement, and collector value.

Designed during the optimistic years surrounding World War II and brought into production in the post-war general aviation boom, the Globe Swift became known for its elegant low-wing shape, retractable landing gear , sporty handling, and polished ramp presence. For buyers searching for a vintage aircraft , collector aircraft , or post-war sport aircraft , the Swift stands out immediately.

This aircraft is especially appealing because it feels different from many common light singles. It has the compact proportions of a personal aircraft, the stance of a classic taildragger, and the visual drama of a machine built when private aviation still carried a sense of adventure.

Key Listing Highlights

Highlight

Why It Matters

Classic post-war aircraft

Strong heritage and collector relevance

Globe Swift GC-1B

One of the most distinctive American sport aircraft of the late 1940s

Retractable landing gear

Adds performance appeal and visual sophistication

All-metal aircraft

Advanced construction for its era

Low-wing sport aircraft

Sleek appearance and engaging pilot feel

Two-seat configuration

Focused owner-pilot experience

Collector aircraft appeal

Attractive for vintage aircraft enthusiasts and classic aviation collections

A Post-War Sport Aircraft with Real Character

The Globe Swift GC-1B was created during a period when American manufacturers believed private aviation would become a major part of everyday life after World War II. The result was a compact, stylish, and ambitious two-seat aircraft designed for pilots who wanted something more exciting than a basic utility airplane.

Its combination of low-wing aircraft design, retractable gear, polished metal surfaces, and sporty proportions gives the Swift a unique identity. It is not simply a vintage airplane. It is a design statement from the golden age of post-war general aviation.

For CollectAirs, this makes the 1947 Globe Swift GC-1B a strong listing candidate. It speaks to buyers looking for aircraft with story, rarity, mechanical charm, and emotional value.

Technical Features & Flying Character

The Globe Swift GC-1B is a single-engine piston aircraft with a compact two-seat cabin, conventional tailwheel layout, and retractable main landing gear. In its original configuration, the GC-1B was commonly associated with the Continental C-125 engine, giving it more power and stronger performance than the earlier GC-1A.

The aircraft's appeal is not only in numbers. The Swift has long been appreciated for its sporty control feel, sleek lines, and fighter-like personality. Its all-metal structure and retractable gear made it feel advanced compared with many wood-and-fabric aircraft still common in the immediate post-war period.

Core Technical Appeal

- Single-engine piston aircraft layout
- Two-seat sport aircraft configuration
- Retractable landing gear for classic performance character
- All-metal construction with polished vintage appeal
- Low-wing aircraft design with sleek visual proportions
- Tailwheel aircraft handling for experienced pilots
- Strong appeal as a vintage sport aircraft

Exterior & Interior Character

The exterior of the 1947 Globe Swift GC-1B is one of its greatest strengths. Its compact fuselage, smooth cowling, low-wing profile, retractable gear, and classic tailwheel stance give it a uniquely muscular look. On the ramp, the Swift appears purposeful, polished, and far more dramatic than many light aircraft of the same era.

Inside, the cabin is intimate and pilot-focused. The two-seat side-by-side layout creates a personal aircraft experience rather than a transport-style cabin. Depending on restoration and equipment, the cockpit may feature vintage analog instruments, classic control yokes, polished metal details, and a period-inspired panel layout.

For buyers who value authenticity, the Swift's interior character can be a major part of the appeal. It is not designed to feel modern. It is designed to feel connected to an era when flying was mechanical, direct, and deeply personal.

Visual Features That Make the Globe Swift Stand Out

- Sleek low-wing aircraft silhouette
- Compact two-seat aircraft profile
- Polished metal or classic painted finish
- Retractable landing gear
- Conventional tailwheel stance
- Fighter-inspired proportions
- Strong ramp presence for events, collections, and fly-ins

Ownership Appeal

The Globe Swift GC-1B is ideal for buyers who want a collector aircraft with real personality. It offers more emotional value than many standard general aviation aircraft because it represents a specific post-war moment: the belief that private flying could be stylish, fast, modern, and accessible.

As a vintage aircraft , the Swift is particularly attractive to pilots who appreciate classic handling, detailed maintenance history, and a design that rewards careful ownership. It is also suitable for aviation events, private

collections, historic aircraft gatherings, and owners who want an aircraft that starts conversations wherever it parks.

The Swift is best understood as a passion aircraft. It is practical enough to fly and enjoy, but distinctive enough to belong in a serious classic aircraft collection .

Best Suited For

Buyer Type

Why This Aircraft Fits

Vintage aircraft collectors

Strong post-war design identity and historical value

Experienced owner-pilots

Engaging aircraft with classic handling character

Tailwheel pilots

Conventional landing gear adds authentic vintage flying appeal

Aviation event participants

Strong ramp presence at fly-ins and classic aircraft gatherings

Private collectors

Compact, stylish, and historically meaningful aircraft

Classic aviation enthusiasts

Distinctive alternative to common light aircraft

The Perfect Airplane For

This 1947 Globe Swift GC-1B is perfect for a buyer looking for a classic aircraft for sale with personality, heritage, and visual impact. It is especially well suited to someone who wants an aircraft that feels special before the engine even starts.

It is ideal for buyers who appreciate:

- Post-war aircraft history
- Vintage sport aircraft
- Retractable landing gear aircraft
- Tailwheel aircraft
- All-metal classic aircraft
- Two-seat collector aircraft
- Classic general aviation aircraft
- Aircraft with strong ramp appeal

The Swift is not the obvious choice for someone seeking maximum cabin space or modern automation. It is the right aircraft for someone who values character, craftsmanship, and the feeling of owning a true aviation classic.

Pros & Considerations

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Considerations

Strong collector aircraft appeal

Vintage aircraft ownership requires specialist knowledge

Distinctive post-war sport aircraft design

Exact performance depends on engine, propeller, and modifications

Sleek low-wing aircraft profile

Cabin space is limited compared with larger touring aircraft

Retractable landing gear adds performance character

Gear system condition should be carefully inspected

Strong visual presence for fly-ins and events

Logbook history and restoration quality are especially important

Engaging pilot-focused experience

Best suited to experienced pilots familiar with classic aircraft

Review-Style Summary

The 1947 Globe Swift GC-1B is the kind of aircraft that makes people stop and look. It has the elegance of a polished classic, the compact aggression of a small fighter-inspired design, and the authenticity of a true post-war aviation product.

Its strongest appeal lies in its personality. The Globe Swift is not simply transportation. It is a vintage aircraft for someone who enjoys the mechanical and emotional side of flying. The low-wing stance, retractable gear, tailwheel setup, and two-seat cockpit create a very different experience from more common general aviation singles.

For CollectAirs, the Swift is a strong listing because it targets valuable search intent around Globe Swift for sale , classic aircraft for sale , vintage aircraft auction , collector aircraft , and post-war sport aircraft . It is rare enough to feel special, recognizable enough to attract enthusiasts, and stylish enough to perform well visually on the platform.

Key Takeaways

- The Globe Swift GC-1B is a distinctive post-war sport aircraft with strong collector appeal.
- Its retractable landing gear , all-metal construction, and low-wing design make it more sophisticated than many basic vintage singles.
- The aircraft is ideal for vintage aircraft collectors , experienced pilots, and aviation enthusiasts.
- Its two-seat layout creates a focused, personal flying experience.
- This is a strong listing for buyers searching for a classic aircraft for sale , Globe Swift for sale , or collector aircraft auction .

SPECIFICATIONS

General Information

Year	1947
Model	Globe Swift GC-1B

Engine & Power Systems

Engine	Continental C-125-1 / C-125-2
Engine Type	Single piston engine
Horsepower	approx. 1 × 125 hp
Propeller Type	2-blade propeller, configuration may vary

Performance & Specifications

Cruise Speed	approx. 120 kt
Range	approx. 500–1,000 NM, depending on fuel configuration and aircraft setup
Payload	approx. 300–400 lb useful payload depending on equipment, fuel load, and aircraft configuration
Passengers	1 passenger + 1 pilot / 2 seats total

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