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Kitfox Classic IV

Harsewinkel, Germany



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DESCRIPTION

The Kitfox Classic IV represents one of the most recognizable and characterful light sport and homebuilt aircraft designs of the modern kitplane era. The wider Kitfox family was originally developed by Dan Denney and first appeared in the 1980s as a lightweight two-seat STOL aircraft, designed for simple operation, short-field performance, and recreational flying from small or unimproved strips. The Classic IV sits at the mature end of the original Kitfox design line, preserving the compact, playful spirit of the early aircraft while adding important structural improvements and a higher gross weight.

The Classic IV , also known as the Model 4-1200 , is especially valued for its balance of low operating cost, practical two-seat utility, and genuine back-country personality. With its folding-wing design, lightweight construction, tailwheel stance, and strong STOL capability, it offers a flying experience that feels direct, simple, and highly engaging. For pilots who want an aircraft with real personality rather than anonymous transportation, the Kitfox Classic IV remains a compelling choice.

Powerplant, Systems & Technical Highlights

The Kitfox Classic IV is commonly associated with Rotax power, especially the Rotax 912 series. According to available Classic IV specification data, the aircraft is typically listed with a single Rotax 912 engine producing around 80 hp, while Model 4 information also notes compatibility with both the 80 hp Rotax 912 and the 100 hp Rotax 912S. This lightweight engine pairing suits the aircraft's mission perfectly, giving the Classic IV strong short-field performance, efficient operation, and the responsive feel expected from a light STOL aircraft.

The Classic IV's performance profile is one of its strongest selling points. Published figures list a takeoff distance of around 250 ft and a landing distance of around 250 ft, underlining the aircraft's short-field character. Its compact size, light weight, and efficient powerplant make it especially attractive for recreational pilots who value simplicity, field flexibility, and low running costs.

Exterior & Cockpit

Visually, the Kitfox Classic IV has the unmistakable profile that made the type famous: a compact high-wing airframe, tailwheel landing gear, fabric-covered structure, and a purposeful STOL stance. The Classic IV also retains one of the Kitfox's most practical signature features: folding wings, allowing easier storage and ground handling compared with many conventional light aircraft. The design is compact, light, and honest, giving it a strong "back-country" identity even when based at a regular airfield.

The Classic IV introduced structural improvements over earlier Kitfox models, including stronger lift struts, landing gear legs, and fuselage carry-through structures, supporting the increased 1,200 lb gross weight. It also features the refined Model 4 design elements such as a laminar-flow airfoil, redesigned flaperons, metal flaperon attach brackets, and a 2:1 differential aileron control system. These details helped make the Classic IV more capable, more stable, and more polished while keeping the lively Kitfox character intact.

Inside, the cockpit is simple, compact, and pilot-focused. The two-seat layout emphasizes visibility, direct control feel, and a close connection to the aircraft. This is not an airplane built around luxury or heavy touring equipment; it is built around the joy of flying, the practicality of light-aircraft ownership, and the freedom to operate from places where many conventional aircraft would feel out of their element.

The Perfect Airplane For

The Kitfox Classic IV is ideal for pilots seeking a lightweight, economical, and highly engaging aircraft with genuine STOL personality. It is especially well suited to recreational flying, grass-strip operations, short-field practice, local touring, and pilots who value hands-on flying over automation or complexity. Its folding wings and compact

dimensions also make it attractive for owners looking for practical storage options and a more flexible ownership experience.

This aircraft is a strong match for pilots who want:

- A characterful two-seat light aircraft
- Strong short-field and grass-strip capability
- Simple systems and efficient Rotax operation
- A compact aircraft with folding-wing practicality
- A hands-on flying experience with real personality

The Kitfox Classic IV is not merely a small aircraft; it is a freedom machine. Light, capable, economical, and full of charm, it offers the kind of direct flying experience that reminds pilots why they fell in love with aviation in the first place.

SPECIFICATIONS

General Information

Model	**4-1200**

Engine & Power Systems

Engine	**1 × Rotax 912 , 80 hp (60 kW)**

Performance & Specifications

Cruise Speed	**110 mph (178 km/h, 96 kn)**
Range	**785 mi (1,272 km, 682 nmi)**
Payload	**Approx. 550 lb / 250 kg**
Passengers	**One crew + one passenger**

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