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AIRCRAFT DETAILS

Aircraft Reg : ZU - ALO
Aircraft Make & Model : Aerospatiale Alouette II SE3130 1960
Aircraft Status / Type of build project : Airworthy
Aircraft home : Jack Taylor Airfield Krugersdorp

Description and or history of aircraft :

Ex French Army. (Armee de Terre) Imported in 2002 direct from the French Military. ZU - ALO still retains the original French Military Colour scheme. The helicopter is original in all respects bar the upholstery which is leather in place of the original canvas, the radio which is a more modern VHF transmitter/receiver and the altimeter which is calibrated in feet as opposed to the original meters.

The Alouette II has significance in that it is the first production helicopter to use a turbine engine (in this case a Turbomeca Artouste II C6)

The Alouette II was given a power boost with an Astazou engine and this variant was called a Lama, which in 1972 achieved a World record for Altitude for helicopters, which it maintained until 2002.

Photographs :

