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**A.V. Roe**

**Alliot Verdon Roe** built his first aircraft at Brooklands, near Weybridge, first short flights were made on June 8, 1908, and soon thereafter Roe moved to Hackney Marshes for a short period.

On January 1, 1910 **A.V. Roe & Company** was founded (the first company to be registered as an aircraft manufacturer) and moved to Wembley Park, Middlesex.

The company established a factory in Manchester in 1911 and from then the company products were marketed under the trade name **Avro**.

In January 1913 the company was registered as **A.V.Roe & Company, Limited** and kept using the trade name **Avro**.

On March 23, 1916 A.V.Roe & Co., Ltd. was one of 40 companies forming the **Society of British Aircraft Constructors (SBAC)**.

In 1920 **Crossley Motors** bought 60% of the shares.

In 1928 control passed to the **Armstrong Siddeley Development Co., Ltd.**, the company continued to operate under the name **A.V. Roe & Co., Ltd.** and kept using the trade name **Avro**.

Alliot left the company and with S.E. Saunders formed Saunders Roe Limited of Cowes, Isle of Wight.

In 1935 A.V.Roe & Co., Ltd., became part of the **Hawker Siddeley Aircraft Co., Ltd.**, after the amalgamation of the Armstrong Siddeley Development Co., Ltd., and the Hawker Aircraft Co., Ltd., but continued operating as **A.V. Roe & Co., Ltd.** with the trade name **Avro**.

In July 1945 A.V.Roe & Co., Ltd. bought the **Victory Aircraft, Ltd.**, from the Canadian Government and the new **A.V. Roe Canada, Ltd.** company operated under the trade name **Avro Canada**.

In 1955 A.V. Roe Canada, Ltd. became member of the **Hawker Siddeley Group**.

In 1962 A.V. Roe Canada, Ltd. was purchased by the **de Havilland of Canada, Ltd.**, and the names **A.V. Roe Canada, Ltd.** and **Avro Canada** disappeared.

On July 1, 1963 the A.V. Roe & Co., Ltd. company name (and the trade name Avro) disappeared as it, together with the **Sir W.G. Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft, Ltd.**, became part of the **Avro Withworth Division of Hawker Siddeley Aviation, Ltd.** Subsequently all aircraft in production, known previously under the individual company names, became Hawker Siddeley products.

The name Avro reappeared in 1993 when British Aerospace (into which Hawker Siddeley merged in 1977) centered its Regional-jet manufacturing at Woodford, UK (a site in use by A.V. Roe since 1925), under the name of **BAe Regional Aircraft Ltd.**, **Avro International Aerospace Division**, to manufacture the Avro RJ range (sometimes referred to as the Avroliner), upgraded versions of the British Aerospace BAe 146 series. The name Avro International disappeared on January 1, 2001.

The tables below show only the flown aircraft in chronological order.

**A.V. Roe**

I Biplane  
 I Triplane  
 II Triplane  
 III Triplane  
 IV Triplane

**A.V. Roe (Avro)**

Type D Hydro-biplane	546	619 Five
Type E (500)	547 Triplane	620 (Cierva C.19)
Type Es (502)	548 Tourist	621 Tutor
Type F	549 Aldershot	624 Six
Type G	551	626 Prefect
Type H (503)	552	627 Mailplane
Type J (506)	555 Bison	631 Cadet
500 (Type E)	557 Ava	636
501	558	637
502 (Type Es)	560	638 Club Cadet
503 (Type H)	561 Andover	639 Cabin Cadet
504	562 Avis	641 Commodore
504R Gosport	563 Andover	642 Eighteen
506 (Type J)	566 Avenger I	643 Cadet
508	567 Avenger II	646 Sea Tutor
510	571 Buffalo	652 Anson
511 (Arrowplane), (Arrowscout)	572 Buffalo II	671 Rota (Cierva C.30A)
519	574 (Cierva C.6C)	674 (Hawker Audax)
521	575 (Cierva C.8L)	679 Manchester
523 Pike	576 (Cierva C.9)	683 Lancaster
527	581 Avian	685 York
528 Silver King	584 Avocet	688 Tudor Mk.1, 3, 4, 8
529	586 (Cierva C.8V)	689 Tudor Mk.2, 5, 6, 7
530	587 (Cierva C.8D)	691 Lancastrian
531 Spider	594 Avian I	694 Lincoln
533 Manchester	604 Antelope	696 Shackleton
534 Baby	611 (Cierva C.8L)	698 Vulcan
536	612 (Cierva C.17)	701 Athena
539	616 Avian IVM	706 Ashton
545	617 (Cierva C.8L)	707 A, B, C
	618 Ten (Fokker F.VIIb-3m)	748

**A.V. Roe Canada, Ltd. (Avro Canada)**

C-102 Jetliner  
 CF-100 Canuck  
 CF-105 Arrow  
 AVROCAR VZ-9

**Avro International**

RJ70  
 RJ85  
 RJ100