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It Was Like Flying

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Bristol Type 188 was designed and flown by the Bristol Aeroplane Company and was part of the British programme to develop a supersonic airliner. It was aimed at Mach 3+ and was built of stainless steel, and so was potentially by far the fastest aircraft ever to come out of a British factory. The one that remains is at the Royal Air Force museum at Cosford The 188 started as military, but then was partly sponsored by the Supersonic Transport Aircraft Committee which first met in 1956. If you worked at Filton in 1964 you may remember the two Type 188 aircraft, which had finished flying and were stored in the paint shop. When Concorde prototype 002 needed painting, one day the 188s weren't there any more. The Government wanted to use them for target practice on the gunnery range at Shoeburyness in Essex, but later one turned up undamaged in the RAF Museum at Cosford, but by then, the Concorde was a genuine Mach 2 aeroplane whereas the Type 188 only ever got to Mach...



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