

## Primagaz.

*1 000 flying hours and still going strong.*

Peter and Irene were here in Kubicek's factory in Brno recently and delighted to report that their 210,000 cu ft Primagaz balloon, OE-ZZZ, had just completed its 1001st flying hour. The balloon, which spends its life flying passengers in Styria, works hard for its living and has accumulated these hours in 7 years as a ride balloon, including many high altitude crossings of the Alps. This is one of the first of our balloons to pass the 1,000 hour mark but we know that there is another one in Turkey. There will be more 1,000 hour Kubicek envelopes but we are a relatively young manufacturer and few of our balloons have had the chance to get there yet.



Basic info about the envelope

Year of production: 2000

Serial number: 131

Size: BB60 (6.000 m<sup>3</sup>, 210.000 cuft)

Registration: OE-ZZZ

Artwork: Primagaz

**Flight hours: 1001:45** (2. 11. 2007)

Next annual inspection at: 1062:45

This is a letter that we received from Irene Flaggel earlier in the year:

*Dear all,*

*As you know, the old Primagaz has passed the annual inspection with 970h again. This balloon is (beside the parachute) completely from the original fabric. Even at the rotations vent everything is original. Of course there are some repairs on the envelope, but only small items. No lines, no pullys, no loadtapes has been changed.*

*In the moment the envelope is in the factory. Don´t worry, only for small repairs!*

*The inspector was Niki Binder (Cameron Dealer in Austria).*

*And this ballon is not an exception:*

*The old "Kleine Zeitung" (more than 1000 hours) is also still flying in Turkey.*

*And the others (for example):*

*OE-ZAG - BB60 - s/n 223 - 2002 - 520 hours*

*OE-ZAG - BB37 - s/n 122 - 1999 - 605 hours*

*OE-ZAW - BB60 - s/n 153 - 2001 - 620 hours*

*are all in good condition! Still flying and passing the annual checks without any troubles.*

*We have now 17 Kubicek envelopes (build between 1999 and now). All of them are full airworthness!*

*None of these envelopes has ever been grounded by an inspector due to airworthness reasons.*

*Kind regards*

*Irene*

There can be no better proof of the quality and long levity of Kubicek polyester fabric than these high hour balloons built entirely from regular fabric - no Hyperlast, hyperlight or hyper-anything-else in the top of them.

And just to add to the proof of our fabric quality we have an airship based in Russia that now has over 1,000 hours of flight time. This is quite exceptional. If commercial balloons have a hard time then airships have an impossible life.

We are delighted to be able to manufacture such exceptional balloons. We wish many more safe and happy flying hours to this and all our other balloons.

Attached the most recent page of OE-ZZZ's log book:

DATE	Pilot	FREE FLIGHT				TETHERED				LOAD		REMARKS
		No.	This Flight Hrs. Min	Total Hrs. Min		No.	This Flight Hrs. Min	Total Hrs. Min		No. of Tanks	No. of Pass	
BROUGHT FORWARD		667		935:41						FROM PREVIOUS PAGE		
16.08.07	FLAGGL	668	1:30	937:15								
01.08.07	FLAGGL	669	1:15	938:30								
06.08.07	FLAGGL	670	1:20	939:50								
05.08.07	FLAGGL	671	1:20	941:10								
27.08.07	FLAGGL	672	1:10	942:20								
01.09.07	Jakel	673	1:15	943:35								
15.8.07	FLAGGL	674	1:15	944:50								
15.8.07	FLAGGL	675	1:45	946:35								
16.8.07	FLAGGL	676	1:20	947:55								
18.8.07	FLAGGL	677	1:30	949:25								
24.8.07	FLAGGL	678	1:20	950:45								
24.8.07	FLAGGL	679	1:30	952:15								
25.8.07	FLAGGL	680	1:35	953:50								
26.8.07	FLAGGL	681	1:30	955:20								
26.8.07	FLAGGL	682	1:20	956:40								
2.9.07	FLAGGL	683	1:40	958:20								
9.9.07	FLAGGL	684	1:45	960:25								
10.09.07	FLAGGL	685	1:15	961:40								
13.09.07	FLAGGL	686	1:05	962:45								

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DATE	Particulars of maintenance and other work carried out on the balloon or airship	Signature Authority Date
3.10.07	-REPAIR OF THE CONNECTION STAINLESS WIRE - LOAD	
	TAPES ON POS. 20,22,24	
	- EXCHANGING OF THE S-V PULLEY	
	- REPAIR OF THE FIXING POINT OF THE ROTATION	
	VENT'S PULLEYS	
	- REPAIR OF THE PULGES ON POS. 8 - PANEL. NO. 5	
	- EXCHANGING OF THE DAMAGED NOTEX PANELS	
	100 Std./bzw Jahreskontr. lt. Herstellerangaben	
	durchgeführt bei: 862,45 Betriebs-Std.	
	Nächste Kontrolle bei: 1002,45 Std. oder nach	
	12 Monaten, je nach früherem Eintreten.	
	Das LFZ ist zum Zeitpunkt der Kontrolle lufttüchtig.	
	<b>Die Mängelliste ist zu beachten!</b>	
	Ort: Schillbühl Datum: 21.9.2007	
	Prüfer: G. W. H. 	

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"Primopar I"

21.09.2007

