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mystery was solved. Anyone who has admired F4U Corsair's angular wings will be drawn to ultralight Corsair.

Even the engine mimics the original's Pratt & Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp, except at ultralight weights and power. Jörg chose a three-cylinder Verner radial to power his diminutive aircraft. The whole package was fascinating to those of us who enjoy single seat designs.

The truly good news for Yankees who might want to own such a creation is that Sportair USA boss Bill has placed an initial order. For a tiny company, such a launch customer greatly increases the likelihood that this unique entry will make it way into American skies. Of course, Europeans also recognize both the F4U resemblance and the coolness of this design effort.

While fabric covered (also for lightness), Jörg refers to his internal carbon fiber tube structure as "a unique carbon-spaceframe technology." He added, "This property right-protected technology combines high strength with an unequalled low weight."

Seeking a very low weight is partly a maneuver to steer clear of tough certification rules via the Part 103 / 120-Kilo Class / SSSR [unregulations](#).



In our [article from 2016](#) we unveiled Corsair in **bare carbon fiber bones**. That article also repeated Jörg's prediction that it would fly before Aero 2017. That didn't happen, however, Jörg said it is now ready for flight. "Corsair would have flown before Aero 2018 but a lack of ideal weather prevented that. We prefer calm winds and clear weather for a first flight in such a light aircraft," he explained. Because weather at Aero 2018 was warm and sunny, he hopes to get airborne in short order.

Not only can Corsair meet USA's Part 103, it also can qualify for Germany's 120-kilo class and Britain's Single Seat DeRegulated (SSDR) class ([article](#)). Jörg explained, "Corsair currently fulfills the British SSSR regulation. An adapted version will comply to FAR Part 103."

Two years ago at my favorite European airshow, [Aero Friedrichshafen](#), Bill Canino of [Sportair USA](#) urged me to go look at a cool Part 103 project. With a general appearance resembling a Chance-Vought F4U Corsair military fighter, designer [Jörg Hollmann's](#) ultralight Corsair is reasonably authentic including its highly distinctive inverted gull wing design.

Two years ago when I saw the bare bones example — exhibited for this small shop design and manufacturing organization in BP Oil's display stand — it was easy to get excited by the concept but less obvious to imagine how it might eventually look. At Aero 2018 the visual



A light design permits Jörg's design objectives. "Due to the light weight of the structure we were able to include all the ingredients for a high performance aircraft: outstanding aerodynamics, a strong engine with a big, efficient propeller, a short and aerodynamic landing gear, as well as effective flaperons."

The carbon-spaceframe is effective, resulting in a calculated +9 and -6g ultimate load strength. "Furthermore," Jörg said, "the complete cockpit area is constructed as a Kevlar-reinforced safety cell." A ballistic parachute will further enhance safety.



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AeroJones Aviation
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Just Aircraft has delivered more than 300 kit aircraft since 2002, but in 2012 they electrified pilots with the awesome performance of their all-new SuperSTOL. It may look extreme and performs extremely well, but it is truly docile and forgiving to fly.



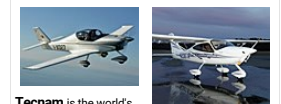
Vickers Aircraft has created one of the most distinctive new LSA seaplanes yet to emerge. Powered by the 180-horsepower Titan IO-340CC by Continental Motors, their Wave model is like no other seaplane ever introduced with multiple features to set it apart from the crowd.



SportairUSA imports the dashing and superbly-equipped StingSport S4 that has won a loyal following from American pilots. More recently, they introduced their TL-3000 high-wing LSA. SportairUSA is a full-line operation with maintenance and training, too.

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Evolution Trikes developed and continues to refine their Revo, an absolutely magnificent weight shift control aircraft (or trike). Revo is their new very affordable single place machine.

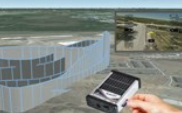




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Although Corsair has ultralight proportions, it is versatile about pilots it can contain. "The ergonomics have been optimized with the help of our local flying club," indicated Jörg. "It is suitable for pilots ranging from 5 feet 4 inches to 6 feet 8 inches (1.60-2 meters)." The inner cockpit is 23.6 inches wide (60 cm).

Corsair's seat is adjustable in four length/height positions. The seat back incline is independently adjustable in 11 positions. Rudder pedals are also adjustable and even the joystick offers two positions.

Corsair Specifications

Following are specifications of Corsair for both Part 103 and EU deliveries, as reported by JH Aircraft:

- Wing Span – 24.6 feet / 7.5 meters
- Wing Area – 108 square feet / 10 square meters
- Length – 20.7 feet / 6.3 meters
- Maximum Takeoff Weight (MTOW) – 551 pounds / 250 kg
- Empty Weight – 243 to 265 pounds / 110 to 120 kilograms (depending on national regulation)
- Useful Load – 287 pounds / 130 kilograms
- Powerplant – Verner Scarlett 3 VW radial engine
- Power Output – 42 brake horsepower at 2500 rpm
- Cockpit Width – 23.6 inches / 60 centimeters
- Stall Speed – 24 knots (U.S.) / 55 kilometers per hour (EU)
- Cruise Speed – 54 knots (U.S.) / 168 km/hr (about 104 mph)
- Max Cruise Speed: 104 mph / 168 km/hr
- Maximum Speed – more than 124 mph / 200 km/hr
- Rate of Climb – 1,000 feet per minute / 4 meters per second

For more information, contact [JH Aircraft](#) or in the USA, go to [Sportair USA](#).

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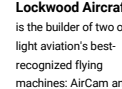
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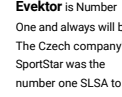


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sport aviators already know the Lockwood brand, a leader in Rotax maintenance and aircraft services.

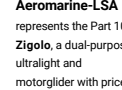


Evktor is Number One and always will be. The Czech company's SportStar was the number one SLSA to win approval but engineers have steadily improved the model far beyond that 2005 version that started the race.



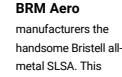
AirMax designed and manufactures a wonderful Light-Sport amphibious flying boat of the same name.

Created in Brazil SeaMax is a beautifully finished, high performing aircraft, the first to win FAA acceptance as a SLSA and it sets a high standard for light floatplanes.



Aeromarine-LSA represents the Part 103 Zigolo, a dual-purpose ultralight and motorglider with prices starting at only

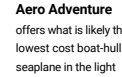
\$12,000, a genuine bargain among fixed wing, three axis ultralights. Powered by a gasoline engine now, the company is also developing electric propulsion. Click here to read more...



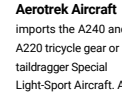
BRM Aero manufactures the handsome Bristol all-metal SLSA. This highly evolved, next-generation Light-Sport was carefully engineered for luxury, comfort, excellent stability, and safety while being fun, fast, and easy to fly.



The Airplane Factory (TAF) produces the Sling series of world-circling aircraft (literally) and now this fine-flying, all-metal beauty is available in the United States as a Special Light-Sport Aircraft. Here is an LSA to follow.



Aero Adventure offers what is likely the lowest cost boat-hull seaplane in the light aircraft space with a kit that, complete with engine, sells for less than \$50,000. Add a long history to its credit and Aventura is a seaplane worthy of a close look.



Aerotrek Aircraft imports the A240 and A220 tricycle gear or taildragger Special Light-Sport Aircraft. A finely finished aircraft at an excellent price, Aerotrek has wide, affordable appeal.



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