

Red Arrows fly the flag with new tailfin

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A new tailfin design has been unveiled on the Red Arrows, to celebrate its 50th display season.

The new design is in the shape of a Union flag and emphasises the Red Arrows' role as ambassadors for the United Kingdom and as the public face of the RAF.

The makeover is the most significant change to the look of the aircraft in their history and was unveiled at the team's home of RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire.

All of the jets are receiving the fresh look, although their red and white fuselage remains unchanged.

Squadron Leader Jim Turner, team leader and 'Red 1', who revealed the tailfin at a ceremony this morning, had input into the design said "The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows, are extremely proud of our heritage and we hope this tailfin design brings with it a sense of pride for both past members of the team and for members of the public to share in".

The new scheme will be flown throughout the team's 2014 display season, which begins at the end of May and runs until September.



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