

**Metro Security Systems Safeguard**

**RAF Museum Hendon**

Leading national security systems installer Metro Security (GB) PLC has provided a range of important protective measures at the Royal Air Force Museum in Hendon, north London. Located on the historic Hendon site of the former London Aerodrome in Colindale, the museum tells the 100-year old story of the RAF through its people and collections. Officially opened in 1972, the Hendon site now comprises five exhibition halls containing over 100 aircraft from around the world, along with a range of other integrated attractions including a 4D theatre, flight simulators and interactive exhibits.



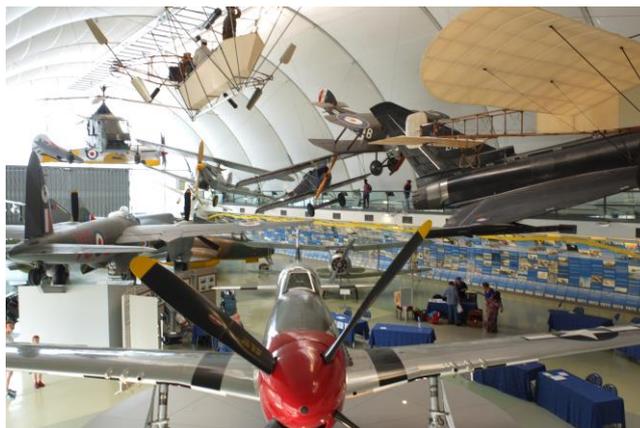
The aircraft on display include one of only two surviving Vickers Wellingtons left in the world and the Avro Lancaster S-Sugar, which flew 137 sorties. It also includes the only complete Hawker Typhoon and the only Boulton Paul Defiant in the world. Recently added to the museum is a Consolidated B-24 Liberator, which was moved to Hendon from Cosford. It was presented to the museum by the Indian Air Force. In exchange, a Vickers Valiant was sent to Cosford to become part of the new Cold War exhibition. In 2009 the museum took delivery of a FE2b World War I bomber, which had been in production for the museum for over 18 years and is one of the few examples of this aircraft in the world.



Metro Security's longstanding partnership with the museum first involved the upgrading of its existing intruder alarm system. Metro then moved on to expand these protective measures to safeguard buildings on-site, newly opened areas of the museum and display cases containing valuable collections.

The initial success of these measures led to high security beam detectors being fitted in the Art Gallery, while Metro was also awarded the maintenance contract for all of the museum's intruder alarm equipment. The company has additionally installed intruder alarm and CCTV surveillance measures in the rebuilt Watch Office, a grade 2 listed building, which was relocated from an area of the site designated for a housing development.

Metro Security's involvement with the RAF Museum has more recently included the design of a new control room that enables integration of the burgeoning security systems around the site. Using specialist inhouse knowledge from Metro's sister company, Adder Digital Technology, the control room is equipped with a video wall allowing operators to monitor surveillance camera views. A high-spec digital image recording system has been interfaced too, providing full management of the multi-camera CCTV network.



“Metro Security's all-round security expertise has enabled us to effectively deal with a variety of potential risks right across the site,” said Dave Rowe, Site Manager at RAF Museum Hendon. “The company has used its wide range of skills and experience to implement harmonised security prevention and detection measures that protect not only the site itself, but importantly safeguard our staff and visitors.”

“This is a prestigious and ongoing contract, requiring a variety of systems and services provided by Metro Security,” adds Metro's Business Development Manager, Richard Meakins. “We're continuing to specify and install equipment at the RAF Museum as needs dictate, for instance to safeguard new display cases containing valuable material, which are being introduced around the exhibition halls to enhance the overall visitor experience.”