

THE SISU IA

On July 3, 1964, this Sisu IA Sailplane N1100Z, flown by Alvin H. Parker from Odessa, Texas, to Kimball, Nebraska, was the first sailplane to exceed 1000 kilometers. At that date it was the only sailplane to have flown 600 miles and one of three to have exceeded 550 miles.

The Sisu design was started in 1952 and this Sisu IA was built by the designer, Leonard A. Niemi, in 1963. It has made ten cross-country flights averaging 403.5 miles per flight. This sailplane made a total of 194 flights totaling 374 hours 24 minutes flying time.

Span	50'0"
Length	21'2"
Weight	775 lbs.

This aircraft is presented to the National Air and Space Museum by Mr. P. J. Bough, Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina.