

VERTICAL FLIGHT TEST OF THE "FLYING ATAR II"

Supernegative developed: 22 meters - 70 ft,
all competition.

The ATAR II, France's sensational wingless jet vertical-flight test vehicle, for the first time was presented to the public in a free flight test on the Melun-Villaroche test-airport. Auguste Mbrel, one of the best test-pilotes of the SNECMA (Societe Nationale d'Etude et de Construction de moteurs d'avions), was at the commands.

This extraordinary test-vehicle is a kind of 1 m.50 wide tube, six meters long, without any wings or propeller, flies upwards, operated by jet reactors behind the pilote's seat.

It will be one of the sensations of the Paris Air Show which opened yesterday at Le Bourget Airport and will last until June 2.

The SNECMA designers are using this machine as tests and a fast approach towards the vertical-taking off and landing airplanes of to-morrow.