

This is Britain's new wonder-plane --- the Fairey Delta 2; first ~~in~~ in the world to fly at more than a thousand miles an hour <sup>*under record conditions*</sup> ~~in level flight~~. Into the cockpit goes Mr Peter Twiss, one of the Fairey Company's test pilots --- former Naval Air Arm and night-fighter pilot --- to take control of the Delta and seize the air-speed record from America, with the huge margin of three hundred and eight miles an hour to spare. Here's the take-off.

Now it starts to climb.

R.A.F. Radar Stations plot the flight-path of the aircraft and direct the pilot's course exactly over the sight-lines of the cameras on the ground. Vapour trails enable the eye to follow the flight at a height of seven and a quarter miles above the earth. The first run, over a nine-mile course between Chichester and Ford, achieved a speed of one thousand one hundred and seventeen miles an hour.

The second run --- in the opposite direction --- was made at a speed of one thousand one hundred and forty seven miles an hour; the speed being recorded by the latest photographic equipment.

As the plane lands, the pilot drops the long-pointed nose to give himself better visibility. The flight was made from the Ministry of Supply Establishment at Boscombe Down in Wiltshire.

The pilot gets out. His average speed over the two runs has reached the fantastic figure of one thousand one hundred and thirty-two miles an hour.

In an interview with our camera shortly afterwards, Mr Twiss gave his impressions.

And what did he eat before the flight ?