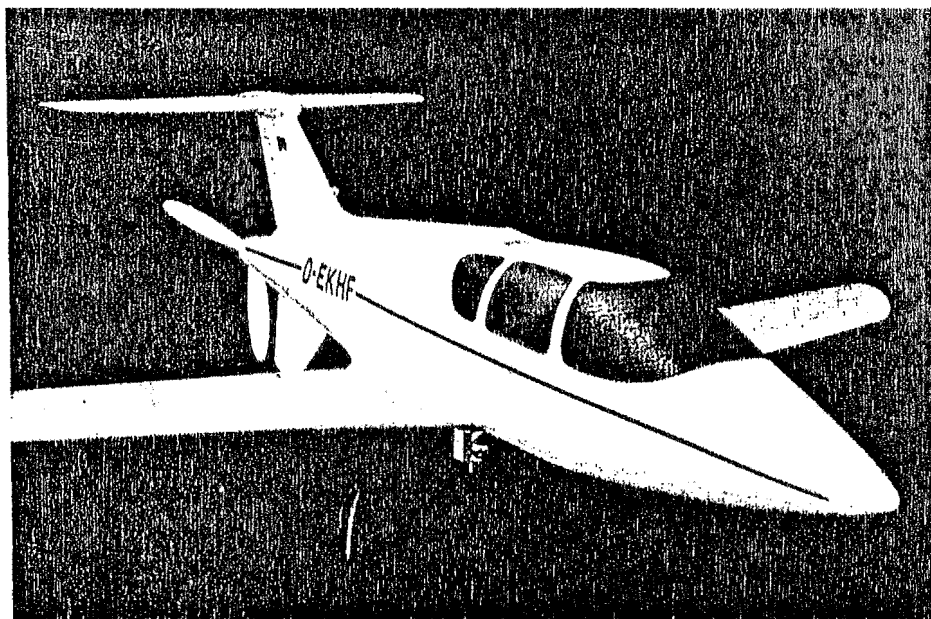


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New Grob gets push from Porsche



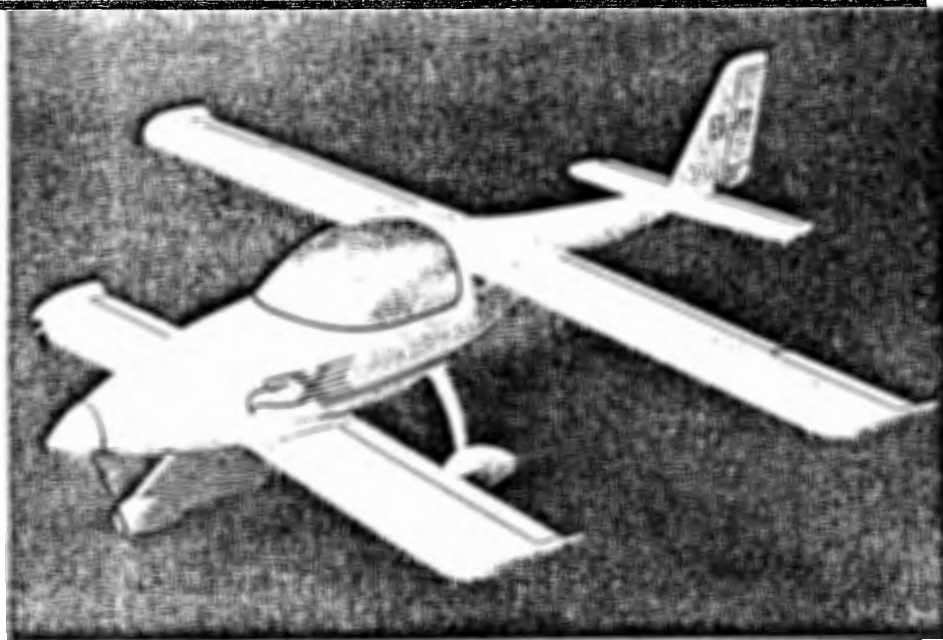
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As announced in our last issue (see AACM Jan/Feb 88, p. 51), West German manufacturer Grob is developing a new high-performance, single-engine plane designated the GF-200. The new all-composite four-seater will feature a Porsche engine driving a rear-mounted pusher propeller. The company says the GF-200 will offer a top

speed of 400 km/h.

The new plane meets the requirements for the aircraft being sought by Lufthansa for its Bremen pilot training school. The German carrier and Swissair issued a call for tender for a new trainer last year. The total order, including replacement of Beech Bonanza F33s, could be for over 40 aircraft. □

Aussies unveil all-composite lightcraft



Eagle Aircraft of Australia unveiled a model of a new all-composite two-seat aircraft, called the Eagle-X at Asian Aerospace '88.

The plane is an inexpensive (A\$40,000 for the basic version) entry-level plane designed to give "a significant proportion of the community a chance to fly their own aircraft." Other

applications include surveillance and training. Design is based on a proof-of-concept prototype that flew in 1985.

The Eagle will have a top cruise speed of 125 kts, minimum air speed of 40 kts, a maximum climb rate of 1,100 ft/min and a takeoff/landing roll of less than 800 ft. MTOW will be just 990 lbs. □