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Civil Aircraft Markings 2018 – 56th edition. A S Wright. Crécy Publishing, 1a Ringway Trading Estate, Shawdowmoss Road, Manchester M22 5LH, UK. 2018. xv, 456pp. Illustrated. £11.95. ISBN 978-1-91080-919-8. Updated through to February 2018, the latest edition of this handbook recording all civil aircraft registrations in the UK (including the Isle of Man, Jersey and the Channel Islands) and the Republic of Ireland, the British Aircraft Preservation Council (BAPC) register of historic aircraft and the registrations of 100s of aircraft likely to be seen in the UK.

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