

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Ken Warby's left gym boot

Date

c 1978

Primary Maker

Sabre

Medium

Canvas, rubber

Dimensions

Overall: 142 x 305 mm, 0.45 kg

Name

Shoe

History

The SPIRIT OF AUSTRALIA is an Australian designed and built jet-powered, wooden, 3-point hydroplane that has held the world water speed record since 1977, raising it to 511 kph in 1978 at Blowering Dam near Tumut, NSW. The hydroplane's designer, builder and driver, Ken Warby, managed to achieve his records in this craft on a shoestring budget, beginning the project in 1972. The boat was built in the backyard of his suburban Sydney home and launched in 1974.