

# Fiat G.50 Freccia

**The G.50 was the first Italian all metal monoplane fighter that had an enclosed cockpit and retractable undercarriage.**

It first flew in February 1937 and was in service with the Regia Aeronautica by early 1938. G.50 were also sent to Spain but did not participate in combat. This model represents a FT-17 in service at Resson-sur Matz in 1918.

Early aircraft had problems with fumes accumulating in the cockpit and with poor quality plexiglass. From the 2nd batch of aircraft, the enclosed cockpit was removed leaving only the windscreen.

At the commencement of the war, the G.50 was underarmed, underpowered and lacked armour for the pilot. It was more maneuverable than many of its contemporaries and remained in front line service with Italian forces until 1943.

**Data:** fighter. *Engines* one Fiat A74 14 cylinder air-cooled radial engine 720kW. *Wing Span* 10.99m. *Length* 8.01m. *Maximum Take-off Weight* 2402kg. *Maximum speed* 470km/h. *Range* 445km. *Armament* two 12.7mm machine guns. *Crew* 1.

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