

Kawasaki Ki-61 Hei

The Kawasaki Ki-61 (allied code name Tony) was a Japanese World War 2 fighter. They were flown by the Imperial Japanese Army air force in all theatres of the Pacific was from 1942 and as an interceptor against air raids over Japan.

The Kawasaki Ki-61 was one of the Hei models that received the much valued German MG 151 20mm Mauser Cannons which were shipped from Germany to Japan via Submarine (possibly an Italian Boat) numbering about 400 complete cannon.

This model represents a Ki-61 of the 244th Sentai possibly at Chofu or one of the many airfields the 244th were based in surrounding Tokyo

Data: single seat fighter. *Engine* one Kawasaki Ha40 inverted liquid cooled inverted piston engine of 864kW. *Wing span* 12m. *Length* 8.94m. *Gross weight* 3,470kg. *Maximum speed* 580km/h. *Armament* two 20mm Mauser cannon, two 12.7mm machine guns and two 250kg bombs *Flight crew* one.

Hasegawa 1/32 kit with Hasegawa after-market QG14 metal bun barrels and pitot tubing, Red Fox cockpit set, Eduard seat belts, Montex canopy masking and Dead Design national and unit markings masking. Lead wire was used for brake lines and cockpit wiring and SMS and AK-RC Lacquer paint. Completed by Wayne Eagles in 2023.



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