

Macchi C.200 Sietta

The Sietta was initially designed for a 1936 requirement for a new interceptor. The Sietta was the winner of the selection however, it's rival Fiat G.50 was also ordered as it would be available sooner. In June 1939 production of the Sietta formally commenced. 1153 were eventually produced.

In August 1939, 30 Siettas were delivered to the 10th Gruppo stationed in North Africa. Pilots of this unit rejected the Sietta in favour of the more manoeuvrable Fiat CR.42 biplane. The Macchis were transferred to Sicily where pilots were enthusiastic for the new type.

After a rocky start, the Sietta would serve in all theatres where Italian forces were engaged, fly more operational sorties than any other type. As the aircraft was gradually overtaken by newer types it was used for ground attack duties.

At the time of Italy's signing of the armistice, only 33 remained in serviceable condition and 23 were flown for a short time by the Co-Belligerent Air Force.

Data: *Engine:* Fiat A.74RC38 14 cylinder air cooled radial engine of 650 kW. *Wingspan* 10.58m. *Length* 8.25m. *Maximum take off weight* 2395kg. *Maximum speed* 504 km/h. *Range* 570 km. *Crew* 1. *Armament* two 12.7mm machine guns.

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