

Fiat G.91Y

The Fiat G.91Y was an advanced version of the Fiat G.91 that was designed in the 1950s to meet a NATO requirement for a light strike fighter. Despite its improved performance it saw only limited service in the Italian air force.

The Fiat G.91Y was a development of the Fiat G.91 that won a NATO competition for a light strike fighter. The first G.91 flew on 9 August 1956 and they went on to serve in the German, Italian and Portuguese air forces. Development of the G.91Y began in 1965, with more powerful engines and a higher payload. Its maiden flight occurred on 27 December 1967. Despite improved performance, however, only 55 were manufactured and served only in Italy.

This model represents a Fiat G.91Y of No.8 Stormo at Cervina San Giorgio

Data: single-seat strike/reconnaissance fighter. *Engines* two General Electric J85-GE-13A turbojets of 12.12kN (2725lb) dry thrust or 18.15kN (2725lb) thrust with afterburners. *Wing span* 9.01m (29ft 6½in). *Length* 11.67m (38ft 3½in). *Maximum take-off weight* 8700kg (19,180lbs). *Maximum speed* 1,110km/h (690mph). *Range* 3,400km (2100 miles). *Armament* two 30mm DEFA cannon and four underwing pylons with capacity of 1,814kg of bombs, rocket pods or napalm. *Crew* 1.

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