

## MiG-27 (Flogger-D)

The MiG-27 became the USSR's main ground attack aircraft from the early 1980s. The swing-wing was an innovation popular in the 1960s and 1970s which combined high performance with low landing speed.

The MiG-27 was the ground attack version of the MiG-23 fighter which had similar features but a different nose and engine so each version was optimised for the role it performed. The swing-wing allowed the aeroplane to operate from short and rough landing strips, liberating it from the need to use long concrete runways that would be a first target in a major war. Development of this type began in the 1960s and the first version began operating in 1973. It was estimated that by 1984 the Russians had 31,000 MiG-23s and MiG-27s in service and they also served with Warsaw Pact air forces. Later they also served with many other air forces.

This model represents a Mig-27 (Flogger-D) assigned to the Leningrad Army Command.

**Data:** *Engine* one Lyulka AL-21-8 turbojet of 11,000kg thrust. *Wing span* 14.24m (expended) 8.12m (back). *Length* 16.8m. *Maximum level speed* Mach 1.7. *Range* 2,500km. *Maximum weight of external armament* 1,900kg.

*Hasegawa* 1:72 kit. Completed in May 1998.



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