

Dewoitine D.371

The Dewoitine D.371 was one of a series of parasol fighters designed by Emil Dewoitine during the early 1930s. It was produced in a number of versions and served in several European air forces before World War II.

Dewoitine began designing aeroplanes in the 1920s and began work on his D.37 series around 1930. The first prototype flew in 1934. The French air force ordered twenty-eight D.371s in 1934 and the Lithuanian government ordered fourteen of the export version (the D.372). Later a total of forty-four D.373s and D.376s were delivered (the latter had folding wings and flew with the French navy). At the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War a number of D.371s and D.372s went to Spain where they flew successfully with the Republican forces

until more advanced aeroplanes joined the Nationalists and the Republicans replaced the Dewoitines with more modern fighters.

This model represents a Dewoitine D.371 in service with the French air force.

Data: *Engine* Gnome-Rhône 14K radial engine of 600kW. *Wing span* 11.8m (38ft 8½in). *Length* 7.44m (24ft 5in). *Gross weight* 1 730kg (4 101lb). *Maximum speed* 400km/h (230mph). *Range* 1,150km (466 miles) *Crew* 1..

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