

Potez 63.11

The Potez 63.11 was the final version of the Potez 63 series of twin engine aeroplanes produced for the French Air Force from the mid 1930s. It was an excellent aeroplane but was overwhelmed in action by German numbers.

In the late 1930s the French Air Force lacked a modern aeroplane capable of conducting tactical reconnaissance so Potez radically redesigned it's 63 series with a new glazed nose and upper fuselage. The first 63.11 flew in December 1938 and by the German invasion in May 1940 several hundred were in service. In action they were highly vulnerable to German fighters and attempts to fly low to avoid them only made them vulnerable to ground fire. Two hundred were lost in action in only two months.

This model represents No 3367, circa 1940.

Data: tactical reconnaissance and army co-operation aeroplane. *Engines* two Gnome-Rhone 14M radial engines of 522kW (700hp). *Wing span* 16.00m (52ft 6in). *Length* 10.93m (35ft 10½in). *Gross weight* 4530kg (6,911lbs). *Maximum speed* 425km/h (264mph). *Range* 1,500km (932miles). *Armament initially* three 7.5mm (0.295mm) MAC 1934 machine guns and additional armament.

Heller 1/72 kit. Completed in October 2003.



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