

MiG Ye-152A (Flipper)

The MiG-Ye-152A was an interim version of a development aircraft but secrecy in the early 1960s meant that Western experts mistook it for a major new Russian fighter.

The Ye-152A was seen at a Russian air show in 1961 and mistaken for an important new Russian fighter. It was, however, part of a Russian test program to develop a high performance interceptor. The first version, the Ye-150, flew for the first time in 1958 and development of the fighter version began in 1959. As the new engine was still under development the first Ye-152 was fitted with two smaller engines and designated the Ye-152A. It first flew in July 1959 and conducted test flights until it crashed in January 1965. The single engine Ye-152 did not go into production, being overtaken by development of the MiG-25, but design data went to Chian which used it in their J-8 interceptor.

This model represents the only Ye-152A

Data: *Engine* two Tumansky RR-11F-300 turbojet engines of 5740kg thrust each. *Wing span* 8.49m. *Length* 19.00m. *Maximum take-off weight* 13960kg. *Maximum speed* 2500km/h. *Range* 2300km. *Armament* 2 K-9-155 missiles. *Flight crew* 1.

Otaki 1/144 kit. Completed in August 2003.



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