

# CAC CA-15

**The Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-15 was developed during World War II as a high performance fighter for the RAAF. Although an excellent fighter, it was superseded by the development of jet fighters.**

Development of the CA-15 began in 1942 to meet a RAAF order for a new long range, medium altitude high performance fighter. A problem in getting a suitable engine slowed development so the prototype was not completed until 1946 and flew for the first time on 14 March 1946. It made a number of test flights and demonstrated exceptional performance, but by 1950 the arrival of jet engined fighters made it obsolete so it was destined never to enter production. The development project was cancelled in May 1950 and the prototype was later broken up for spare parts.

This model represented the sole prototype in 1946.

**Data:** Single-seat fighter. *Engine* one Rolls Royce Griffon 61 12 cylinder engine of 1517kW. *Length* 11.02m (36ft 2½inn. *Wing span* 10.97m (36ft). *Maximum take-off weight* 4,597kg (10,764lb). *Maximum speed* 721km/h (448 mph). *Range* 1,850km (1250 miles). *Armament* six 12.7mm (.5in) Browning machine guns and two 450kg bombs. *Crew* 1.

*Czech Master Resin kit 1/72 kit. Completed in December 2005.*



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