

McDonnell XP-67

The McDonnell XP-67 was the first aeroplane produced by the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation. The ambitious design included several innovations but engine and performance problems finally saw the project abandoned.

McDonnell proposed the XP-67 concept to the USAAF in mid 1941 and two prototypes were ordered in October that year. The first XP-67 was ready by 1 December 1943 but initial taxiing tests were delayed by fires in both engines. The first flight took place on 6 January 1944 but another engine failure halted the test program in February. Flying resumed on 23 March but performance was disappointing while the engines gave more problems. When the prototype was destroyed by another engine fire in September 1944 the project was abandoned and the second prototype was never completed

This model represents the first prototype, c. mid 1944.

Data: experimental long-range single seat- fighter. *Engines* two Continental XIV-1430-17/19 engines of 1,007kW. *Wing span* 16.76m. *Length* 13.65m. *Maximum take-off weight* 11,521kg. *Maximum speed* 650km/h. *Range* 3,837km. *Armament (proposed)* six 37mm cannon.

Anigrand 1/72 kit. Completed in August 2009.



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