

Liore et Olivier H.43

The Liore et Olivier H.43 was designed to meet the specification for a light reconnaissance floatplane competition in 1933. By the time it entered service in 1940 it was obsolete, and was soon withdrawn.

Liore et Olivier entered the H.43 in the French Air Ministry 1933 competition for a floatplane to conduct coastal patrols. Of the three entries it was selected for production in 1936 and twenty were ordered in 1937. It was given a new engine and the fuselage was considerably redesigned and the first production H.43 did not make its flight until 13 July 1939. Despite being obsolete it entered service with two French Navy squadrons in early 1940 and many have flown some patrols of the French coast before being scrapped at the end of the Battle of France.

This model represents a Liore et Olivier H.43 in service with the Aeronavale Escadrille 3S1 in early 1940.

Data: *Engine* one Hispano-Suiza 9Vb radial engine of 480kW. *Wing span* 16m. *Length* 11.0m. *Gross weight* 3375kg. *Maximum speed* 222km/h. *Range* 850km. *Armament* two 7.5mm Darne machine guns and up to 150kg of underwing weapons. *Crew* normally 3.

Dujin 1/72 kit with miscellaneous decals. Completed in September 2009.



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