

Wibault 283

The Wibault 283 was a French airliner designed in the late 1920s and flown on European routes, commencing with the London-Paris route. It was one of the airliners that introduced modern air transport in the 1930s

The first Wibault 280 flew in November with American engines and became the Wibault 281 when fitted with French-Rhone engines. Eight improved Wibault 282s were built and introduced to Air Union's Paris-London Voile d'Ore (Golden Clipper) route in 1933, reducing flight time by an hour. An improved version, the Wibault 283 was introduced into service in 1934 by Air France, a merger of four French airlines including Air Union. Several 283s were pressed into military service at the beginning of World War II and at least one of these aircraft was still flying in 1946.

This model represents F-AMYD which entered service with Air France in 1934 and was destroyed in an accident in Czechoslovakia in February 1938.

Data: 1930s airliner. *Engines* three Gnome Rhone 7Kd motors of 261kW each. *Wing span* 22.61m. *Length* 17.0m. *Gross weight* 6,350kg). *Cruising speed* 236km/h. *Range range* 1000km). *Typical payload* 10 passengers. *Crew* 2.

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