

# Curtiss XP-60C

**The Curtiss XP-60 was a fighter designed to supercede the famous Curtiss P-40. The development process went through a number of versions with different engines but, in the end, did not result in any service aeroplanes being built.**

In 1940 the Curtiss company began planning a successor for its P-40, resulting in a contract to develop the XP-53. Very quickly it was replaced by a proposed fighter equipped with the Rolls Royce Merlin engine with other improvements including a laminar flow wing, designated the XP-60. Due to a shortage of American built Merlin engines the design was changed again several times to be powered by several different engines. One version was the XP-60C. In April 1943 the USAAF conducted a contest of various fighters under development and the XP-60C performed poorly, so further development ceased and Curtiss made Republic P-47s under licence instead.

This model represents the sole XP-60C, c. early 1943

**Data:** single seat- fighter. *Engine* one Pratt & Whitney R-2800-53 radial engine of 1492 kW. *Wing span* 12.60m. *Length* 10.34m. *Loaded weight* 4,892kg. *Maximum speed* 666km/h. *Armament* four 12.7mm M3 Browning machine guns.

*Anigrand* 1/72 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in March 2011.



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