Henschel Hs125

The Henschel Hs125 was designed as an advanced trainer for the emerging Luftwaffe of the early 1930s. It participated in a competition with several other designs but was not selected for production. Only two prototypes were made.

In 1933 German authorities announced a competition for an advanced but simple and light fighter trainer. The well known German industrial company of Henschel decided to enter aircraft manufacturing and created a team that designed the Hs121 which first flew in January 1934. Defects found during testing led to a rapid redesign, principally the replacement of the gull wing with more convention wing attached to the lower fuselage. Two prototypes of this version, which was renamed the Hs125, were constructed and took part in the competition. However the Focke Wulf 56 was selected for production and the two Hs125s were later used as sports aeroplanes.

This model represents D-EKAN, the second prototype, c.1935.

Data: Engine one Argus As 10C inverted V eight cylinder engine of 176kW. Wing span 10.00m. Length 7.30m. Maximum take-off weight 973kg. Maximum speed 280km/h. Range 500km. Planned armament one MG17 7.9mm machine gun.

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