

## Castel-Mouboussin CM.8/13

The Castel-Mouboussin CM.8 (also known as the Fouga CM.8) was a glider designed and built in France in the late 1940s. It was an aerobatic glider of pleasing performance though only one was constructed.

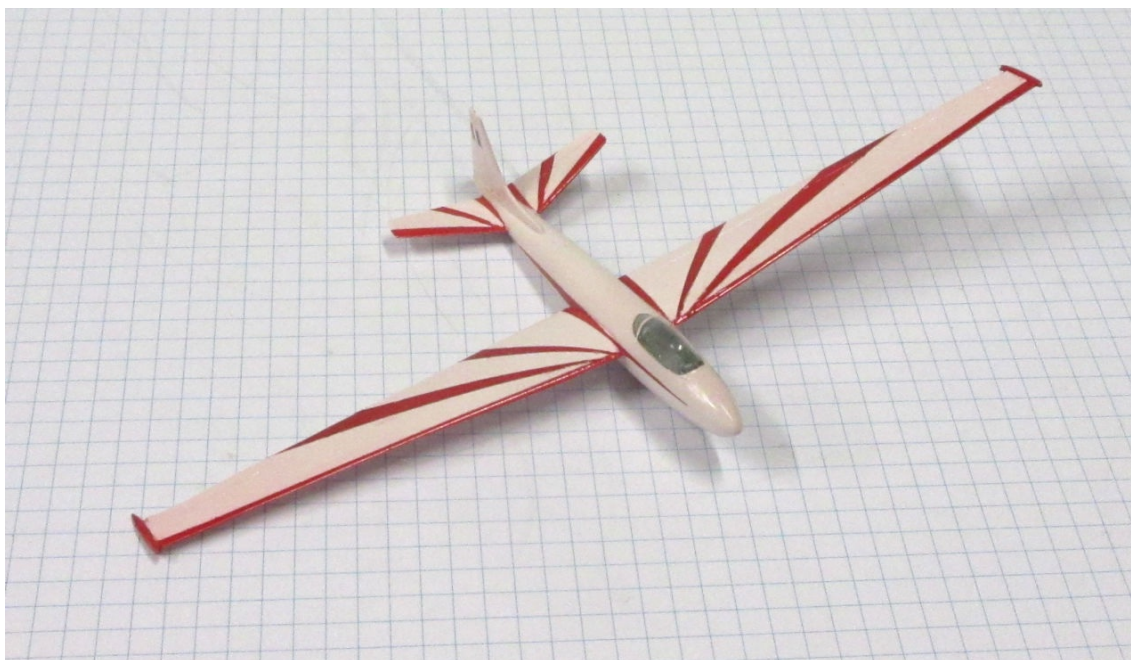
Pierre Mouboussin and Robert Castello designed a number of aeroplanes that were manufactured by the company founded by Gaston Fouga in 1930. After World War II Castel-Mouboussin designed several gliders including the CM.8 in two versions; the CM.8/13 with a 13 metre wingspan and conventional tail the CM.8/15 with a 15 metre wingspan and a V-tail. They both made their first flights in June 1949.

The pleasing performance of these gliders led to experiments with mounting a small turbojet on the upper fuselage, using the fuselage of the CM.8/13 and the tail of the CM.8/15. These tests eventually led to the design and construction of the Fouga Magister.

This model represents F-AZHF, the sole CM.8/13. It was restored and flew again in December 1994 and is currently in storage at the Musee de l'Air et Espace at Le Bourget.

**Data:** *Wing span 13.00m. Length 6.55m. Empty weight 247kg, Gross weight 330kg. Rate of sink 1.1 metres/second.*

*Dujin 1/72 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in August 2011.*



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