

# SNCAO 200

The SNCAO 200 was designed to participate in the 1937 competition to select a new French fighter. By the time it was delivered for testing the Dewoitine 520 has already been selected for production instead.

SNCAO was formed in 1936 when Loire-Nieuport and Breguet were nationalised. The SNCAO 200 was designed for the competition to select a replacement for the Morane Saulnier 406 fighter. It was to be powered by a Hispano-Suiza 12Y-51 engine but as that was not available it was given a less powerful engine for its first flight on 31 January 1939. By the time it was handed to the authorities for official testing in August 1939 the Dewoitine 520 had already been selected for production. After the end of the Battle of France the SNCAO 200 was taken to Germany for testing.

This model represents the sole SNCAO 200 prototype in early 1939.

**Data:** single seat fighter. *Engine* one Hispano-Suiza 12Y-31 liquid cooled V12 engine of 640kW. *Wing span* 9.50m. *Length* 8.90m. *Gross weight* 2,500kg. *Maximum speed* 550k/hr. *Endurance* 2 hours. *Proposed armament* one 20mm Hispano-Suiza HS.404 20mm cannon and two 7.5mm MAC 1934 machine guns.

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