

# Potez 580

**The Potez 580 was the ultimate version of a range of light aeroplanes manufactured by Potez during the 1930s. It was popular with aeroclubs and also served with the French Air Force.**

The Potez 58 series was the ultimate development of a line of light aeroplanes developed during the 1930s. The line began with the Potez 36 series that first flew in 1929 and was a great success with 300 built. This led to the Potez 43, with several refinements and carrying a pilot and two passengers, that first flew in June 1932. The main difference in the Potez 58 series was more powerful engines. The first one flew on 7 March 1934 and it was manufactured in four main versions; the 580 with the Potez 6Ba engine (80 manufactured), the 584 with the deHavilland Gipsy Moth Major engine (4 built), the 585 which was a liaison and utility version (99 were operated by the French Air Force) and the 586 which was a four seat version.

This model represents F-ANLY flying in France in the late 1930s.

**Data:** Touring aircraft. *Engine* one Potez 6Ba radial piston engine of 89kW. *Wing span* 11.3m. *Length* 7.44m. *Maximum take-off weight* 906kg. *Maximum speed* 190km/h. *Range* 750km. *Passengers* 2. *Crew* 1.

*Dujin* 1/72 kit. Completed in March 2012.



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