

Caudron 362

The Caudron 362 was designed and constructed to take part in the 1933 Coup Deutsche de la Meurthe air race. Although it was underpowered it came second in the race, and became the first in a line of Caudron racing aeroplanes.

The Caudron 36 series was designed to take part in the 1933 air race named after the French industrialist family Deutsche de la Meurthe. The empty weight of competing aeroplanes was limited to 450kg and the race was over a distance of 2000km. Three 36 series aeroplanes were made, planned to be fitted with a six cylinder Renault engine - the 366 - but only the four cylinder Renault engine could be fitted in time - the 362 - leaving an empty space in the engine compartment. They had a very high wing loading and were quite difficult to fly. One 362 crashed before the race, another crashed during pre-flight testing and the remaining one came second in the race,

This model represents the Caudron 362 flown by Raymond Delmotte in the Coup Deutsche de la Meurthe on 23 May 1933.

Data: *Engine* one Renault 4Pei 'Bengali' piston engine of 110kW. *Wing span* 6.80m. *Length* 7.07m. *Maximum take-off weight* 695kg. *Maximum speed* 350km/h. *Range* 502km.

Dujin 1/72 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in May 2012.



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