

Fokker E.V (D.VIII)

The Fokker E.V (later redesignated the D.VIII) was a light weight fighter that entered service with the German Air Force in mid 1918. It was the final Fokker design to enter service during World War I.

The Fokker E.V was ordered into production following a fighter competition conducted by the *Idflieg* in May/June 1918. The first production aircraft was delivered to five Jasta in late July and the first victory was scored on one on 17 August. Very quickly, however, several E.Vs crashed from wing failures and they were grounded while the cause was investigated. It eventuated that the wings had failed due to shoddy and rushed workmanship and when these problems were resolved production resumed. Redesignated as Fokker D.VIIIs, they began arriving again in service in late October 1918. In all, 289 E.Vs and D.VIIIs were manufactured.

This model represents a Fokker E.V flown by Erich Loewenhardt, an Ace of Jasta 10, at Chambre airfield in August 1918.

Data: *Engine* one Oberursel UR.H rotary engine of 82kW. *Wing span* 8.40m. *Length* 5.86m. *Maximum take-off weight* 562kg. *Maximum speed* 204km/h. *Armament* two 7.92mm Spandau MG08 machine guns

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