

## PZL P.11c

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The Państwowe Zakłady Lotnicze - State Aviation Works (PZL) P.11c was a refined version of the earlier P.7 which entered service with the Polish Air Force in 1933. It had the same general layout with an inverted-gull wing, which gave the pilot exceptional visibility, and a refined and strengthened fuselage with a more powerful engine.

The prototype P.11 made its first flight in August 1931 and production commenced in 1934. In all, 175 were produced for Polish use and a further 130 were built for Romania. When it entered service it was the most advanced fighter in the world but a series of problems meant the P.11 was still Poland's front line fighter at the start of World War II.

This model represents a P.11c at Lwów air base in early 1939.

**Data:** *Engine* One Bristol Mercury V,S9 radial piston engine of 420kW. *Wing span* 10.72m. *Length* 7.55m. *Maximum take-off weight* 1,800kg. *Maximum speed* 390km/h. *Range* 700km. *Armament* two, or later four 7.92mm machine guns.

*Master Kit* 1/72 kit. Completed in September 2012.



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