

## PZL P.7a

**The PZL P.7 was the most advanced fighter in the world when it entered service in 1932. They were replaced in service by the more advanced P.11c from 1935 but some were still in service at the beginning of World War II.**

The Państwowe Zakłady Lotnicze - State Aviation Works (PZL) P.7a was a development of the earlier PZL P.1 fighter. It was of all metal construction with the so called 'Polish Wing' that allowed the pilot improved visibility over more conventional designs. The prototype made its first flight in October 1930 and production began in June 1931. At this time it was the most advanced fighter in the world.

A total of 149 P.7s were produced between 1931 and 1933. After 1935 they began to be replaced in service by the PZL P.11c and were retired to training duties, but 30 were still in active service in September 1939.

This model represents a P-7a of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Regiment, Polish Air Force in 1935.

**Data:** *Engine* One Scoda-Bristol Jupiter VIIF radial piston engine of 393kW. *Wing span* 10.3m. *Length* 7.16m. *Gross weight* 1,409kg. *Maximum speed* 317km/h. *Range:* 560km. *Armament* two 7.9mm machine guns. *Crew* 1.

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



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