

Arsenal VB-10

The Arsenal VB-10 was a heavy interceptor designed in France prior to World War II. It was not completed until after the war ended, by which time it had been superseded by new jet fighters. As a result, only four were built.

Development of the Arsenal VB-10 began as the VG-10 in January 1937 when Arsenal was contracted to build a heavy interceptor with two engines. That project was abandoned and a new version, the VG-20, was planned, as well as a VG-30 test aircraft that later became a high speed fighter. The next version, the VB-10, was ordered in 1940 but work on it ceased after the French defeat in June 1940. Work restarted immediately after the liberation of France and the prototype first flew on 7 July 1945. Two hundred were ordered in November 1947 but they were cancelled and France bought overseas designed jet aeroplanes to use until it's own industry could meet its air force needs.

This model represents the second VB-10 in early 1948..

Data: *Engine* two Hispano-Suiza 12Zars piston engine of 860kW each. *Wing span* 15.49m. *Length* 12.98m. *Maximum take-off weight* 8,860kg. *Maximum speed* 700km/h. *Range* 1,700km. *Armament* four 20mm HS-404 cannon. *Crew* one.

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