

Armstrong Whitworth Whitley Mk.II

The Armstrong Whitworth Whitley was one of Britain's modern bombers at the beginning of World War II. Although it was superseded by four engine heavy bombers, the Whitley flew in many other roles for the duration of the war.

The Armstrong Whitworth Whitley was one of three bombers designed in the mid 1930s to give the United Kingdom a modern bomber force. Due to the urgent need for new bombers the Whitley was ordered into production before the prototype made its first flight on 17 March 1936. They entered service in 1937 and flew for the RAF in increasingly powerful versions until 1945, although they were virtually obsolete at the beginning of the war in 1939 and the Mark II had been withdrawn from service before the war started. A total of 1,814 were made.

This model represents K7233 of 51 Squadron, RAF, based at Linton-on-Ouse in 1938.

Data: *Engine* two Armstrong Siddeley Tiger VIII radial engines of 690kW each. *Wing span* 25.60m. *Length* 21.49m. *Maximum take-off weight* 15,196kg. *Maximum level speed* 370 km/h. *Armament* up to 3,175kg of bombs and three .303 machine guns. *Crew:* 5.

Frog 1/72 kit with *Flightline* conversion parts and *Falcon* cockpit and turret and *Kits at War* decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in June 2014.



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