

# Armstrong Whitworth Sea Hawk FB.3

The Sea Hawk was designed by Hawker but manufactured and developed by Armstrong Whitworth. It was a first generation jet fighter that served with several navies during the 1950s and early 1960s.

The Sea Hawk was the first jet powered fighter designed by the Hawker company. The prototype first flew on 2 September 1947 and they began entering service with the Royal Navy in March 1953 and the final ones were retired in 1983. A total of 542 Sea Hawks were manufactured and flown by the Royal Navy, Royal Netherlands Navy, West German Navy and Indian Navy. The FB.3 (Fighter Bomber Mark 3) was the third version to be produced and the first capable of carrying under wing armament. Over 100 were manufactured and many were later remade into FB.5 versions.

This model represent a Fleet Air Arm Sea Hawk FB.3 of the 738 Squadron aerobatic team 'Red Devils' in 1957.

**Data:** *Engine* one Rolls Royce Nene 103 turbojet engine of 22.07kN. *Wing span* 11.89m. *Length* 12.09m. *Maximum take-off weight* 7,327kg. *Maximum speed* 900km/h. *Range* 933km. *Armament* four 20mm Hispano cannon and two 227kg bombs or up to 16 unguided rockets. *Crew* one.

*MPM 1/72 kit with Model Art decals. Completed in August 2014*



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