

Fauvel AV.361

The Fauvel AV.361 was a glider designed and built in France after World War 2. It's unusual flying-wing design made it light, simple and easy to transport. Many were home built from plans or assembled from kits..

Charles Fauvel became interested in gliding before World War 2 with the unusual emphasis on flying wings. After the war his interest continued and resulted in the AV-36 prototype which made its first flight on 31 December 1951.

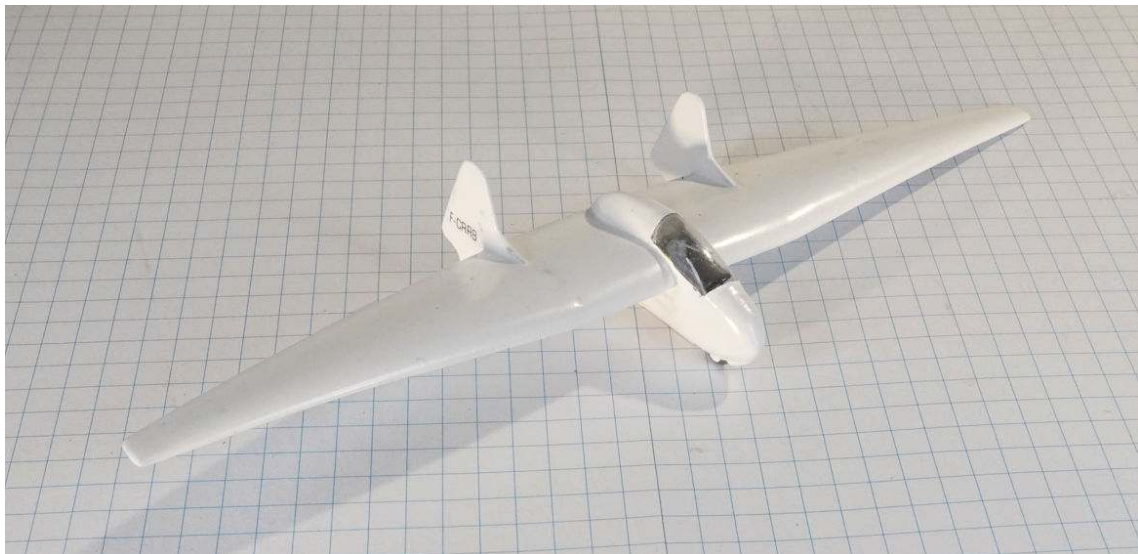
The virtually flying wing design (AV standing for Aile Volante - Flying Wing) created a lighter and simpler glider but the idea was not widely accepted. The AV-36 was also easy to transport by folding in the fins and detaching the nose so it could be towed as a trailer on French roads.

The improved AV-361 version first flew in 1960. It had a slightly longer wingspan and more rounded fuselage, Hundreds of these gliders were made, many from kits or off plans.

This model represents F-CRRB when it was on display at the Musee de l'Air et Espace at Le Bourget in 2005.

Data: Wing span 12.75m. Length 3.2m. Empty weight 125kg. Gross weight 215kg. Never exceed speed 220km/h. Crew 1.

Dujin 1/72 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in 2024.



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