

Lavochkin La-250A

The Lavochkin La-250A was a long range supersonic interceptor developed in Russia in the 1950s. The aircraft was unable to meet the required specifications and the project was wound up in 1959.

In the 1950s Russian authorities began developing a new weapons system capable of destroying enemy bombers at long range. Part of this new system was the Lavochkin La-250 which would be armed with air to air missiles and guided by a radar control system. Development of this system began in November 1952 but the prototype La-250 was disappointing because of its poor and unreliable radar and engines. Consequently a smaller and lighter version, the La-250A was developed which was rolled out in June 1956. Only five La-250As were made and were generally unsuccessful, making only a handful of flights, before all work on the system ended in 1959.

This model represent a prototype La-250A in the late 1950s.

Data: *Engine* two Lyulka AL-7F turbojet engines of 98.kN afterburning thrust each. *Wing span* 13.90m. *Length* 26.80m. *Loaded weight* 27,500kg. *Maximum speed* 1,800km/h. *Range* 2,000km. *Armament* two air-to-air missiles. *Crew* two.

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