

# DeHavilland DH-88

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Two DH-88s completed the race to Melbourne, G-ACSS won in an elapsed time of 71 hours and 18 seconds. Next followed a DC-2 and a Boeing 247 and then the second DH-88, G-ACSR in a time of 108 hours and 13 minutes. This DH-88 immediately flew back to Britain in a return time of 13½ days. Later, DH-88s took part in many other races and record setting flights.

This model represents the DH-88 F-ANPY, formerly G-ACSR, that was purchased by the French government.

**Data:** *Engine* Two de Havilland Gipsy Six R six cylinder piston engines of 172 kW each. *Wing span* 13.41m. *Length* 8.84m. *Maximum take-off weight* 2,517kg. *Maximum speed* 381km/h. *Range* 4707km. *Crew* 2.

*SBS Models* 1/72 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in June 2018.



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