

Dewoitine 501

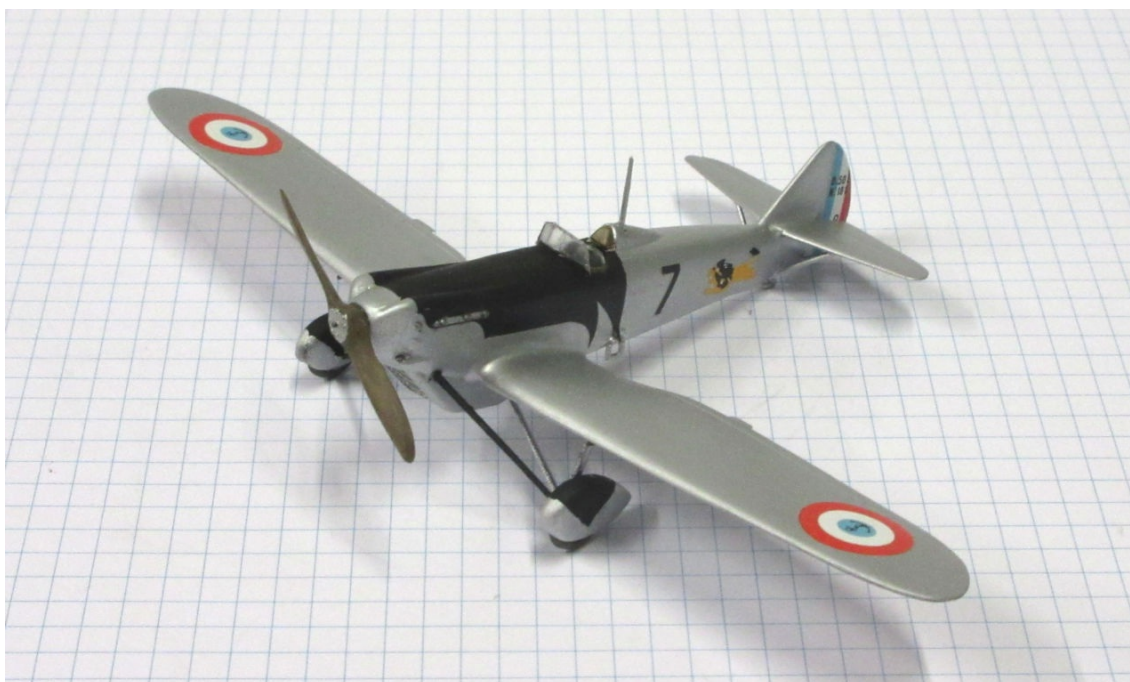
The Dewoitine 501 was a cannon armed version of the Dewoitine 500 that entered service in 1935. It was an exceptional fighter for its time but soon made obsolete by the rapid evolution of fighter design in the 1930s.

The Dewoitine 501 was a cannon armed version of the Dewoitine 500 fighter that combed the latest innovations in a small and simple airframe. The prototype 500 first flew on 18 June 1932 and the first orders were placed in November 1933. The first production version flew in November 1934 and they began entering service in April 1935. By the standards of the day they were very capable and produced in large numbers but they were obsolete by the time war was declared in 1939. 157 of the 501 model were produced.

This model represents Dewoitine 501 No.181 of 8 Ecadron de cooperation navale, Aeronautique Navale, Marignane-Marseille, 1938.

Data: single-seat fighter. *Engine* one Hispano Suiza 12Xcrs 12 cylinder water cooled piston engine of 492kW. *Wing span* 12.09m. *Length* 7.74m. *Maximum take-off weight* 1,787kg. *Maximum speed* 367km/h. *Range* 870km. *Armament* one 20mm Hispano Suiza cannon and two 7.5mm Darne machine guns.

Heller 1/72 kit with *Decals Carpena* decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in September 2019.



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