

# DeHavilland DH-91

The DeHavilland DH-91 was an elegant airliner designed in Britain in the mid 1930s in both mail plane and passenger carrying versions. Seven were manufactured but they only survived until 1943 due to wartime conditions.

The deHavilland DH-91 was designed in 1936 to meet specification for a transatlantic mail aeroplane. It was constructed of the same wooden composite later used by the deHavilland Mosquito. Seven were ordered for Imperial Airways, two mail planes and five passenger carriers, and the first one flew on 20 May 1937. They began entering service in 1938 and flying a London-Paris service in the summer of 1939. Five crashed or were destroyed early in the war, and after it was discovered that one accident had been caused by deterioration of the plywood structure, the others were grounded and scrapped in 1943.

This model represents G-AFDI of Imperial Airways, 'Frobisher', the first passenger version, in 1939.

**Data:** Mail and passenger airliner. *Engines* four deHavilland Gipsy Twelve V-12 piston engines of 380kW each. *Wing span* 32.01m. *Length* 21.83m. *Maximum Take-Off weight* 13,381kg. *Maximum speed* 362km/h. *Range* 1,720km. *Passengers capacity* 22-30. *Crew* 4.

*F-Rsin* 1/144 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in June 2020.



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