

# Dewoitine D.520

**The Dewoitine D.520 was perhaps the best French fighter during the Battle of France. After the Armistice with Germany was signed in June 1940 a large number served with the French Vichy and other Axis Air Forces.**

Dewoitine began designing a fighter to meet the French Air force request for a new fighter in 1937. The first Dewoitine 520 flew on 2 October 1938 and the first production machine flew in November 1939. At the end of the Battle of France 437 had been constructed and eventually 905 were made.

Germany captured many Dewoitine 520s after the fall of France and 246 more when it invaded the Free Zone of France in November 1942. It gave many to its allies but also kept some that were used mainly in four fighter training groups and also as special target tugs for gunnery practice.

This model represents a Dewoitine 520 flying for the Luftwaffe at StMartin-du-Touch in 1941.

**Data:** *Engine* one 697kW Hispano-Suiza 12Y-45 piston engine. *Wing span* 10.20m. *Length* 8.60m. *Maximum take-off weight* 2677kg. *Maximum speed* 534km/h. *Range* 1530km. *Armament* one 20mm cannon and four 7.5mm machine guns. *Crew* one.

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