

# 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. They served principally with the Vichy air force and others were flown by the Luftwaffe as a trainer and the air forces of Italy and Bulgaria. The Vichy Air Force flew many Dewoitine 520s in support of Axis forces in North Africa.

This model represents Dewoitine 520 No.347 of the 4<sup>th</sup> Escadrille GC II/7 serving with the Vichy Air Force in Tunisia in December 1941 wearing an experimental livery.

**Data:** *Engine* one Hispano-Suiza 12Y-49 piston engine of 7107kW. *Wing span* 10.20m. *Length* 8.60m. *Maximum take-off weight* 2,785kg. *Maximum speed* 560km/h. *Range* 1250km. *Armament* one 20mm cannon and four 7.5mm machine guns. *Crew* one.

*RS Models* 1/72 kit with *Print Scale* decals. Completed in December 2020.



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