

# Curtiss P-40K

The Curtiss P-40K was a slightly modified Curtiss P-40E. It has a more powerful engine which necessitated a slightly modified tail to maintain lateral stability. The P-40E was an almost complete redesign of the P-40 based on the lessons learned in the first year of World War 2. A total of 1,300 P-40Ks were ordered and deliveries began in 1943.

The P-40K was similar to the earlier and popular P-40E but with a more powerful engine and improved ammunition storage to reduce gun stoppages. This made it heavier but it had good performance, particularly at low altitude.

This model represents Curtiss P-40K-1 of the 64<sup>th</sup> FS/57th Fighter Group flown by First Lieutenant R J 'Jay' Overcash at Hani Main in Tunisia in April 1943.

**Data** Engines one Allison V-1710-73 in line piston engine of 988kw. Wing span 11.27m. Length 9.66m. Gross weight 8515kg. Maximum speed 538 km/h. Range 1152km. Armament six 12.7mm machine guns and up to 910kg of bombs. Crew 1.

*Hasegawa* 1/32 kit with Eduard aftermarket instrument panel, seat belts, Quickboost resin exhausts and scratch built instrument wiring and brake lines. Painted with AMS Premium lacquers and AK and Floquil lacquers, completed by Wayne Eagles in 2022.



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