

Hawker Hurricane Mk.I

The Hawker Hurricane was one of the most important fighters of World War II. It served for the entire war in several roles including bomber interceptor, fighter-bomber and ground support. It was manufactured between 1936 and 1944 and over 14,800 were made.

Development of the Hurricane began in 1934 to replace Britain's existing biplane fighters. The prototype made its first flight on 6 November 1935, production began in 1936 and they began entering service with the Royal Air Force in December 1937. During its production life the Hurricane was produced in four main variants in Britain and Canada and served with almost all allied air forces during the war.

The Hurricane played a major role during the Battle of Britain and shot down 60 percent of enemy aircraft, despite the reputation of the Spitfire.

This model represents a Hurricane Mk.I flown by Jozef Frantisek of 303 Polish Squadron, RAF, during the Battle of Britain.

Data: *Engine* one Rolls-Royce Merlin V-12 liquid cooled piston engine of 884 kW. *Wing span* 12.19m. *Length* 9.83m. *Maximum take-off weight* 3,951kg. *Maximum speed* 550km/h. *Range* 970km. *Armament* eight .303in (7.92mm) machine guns. *Crew* one.

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