

# Dornier Do217J-1

**The Dornier Do217J-1 was an intruder night fighter developed in Germany during World War II. It was based on the Do217E bomber. It began entering service in 1942 and was soon replaced by a radar equipped version.**

The Dornier Do-217J-1 was developed from the Do217E which was one of Germany's main bombers during World War II. The standard nose was replaced by one with a heavy armament of four cannon and four machine guns. Initially designed to operate over the United Kingdom, it also had a bomb bay to carry a small bomb load. Production began in March 1942 and 130 had been made by the end of the year. It was soon replaced in service by the Do217J-2 which as also fitted with the FuG202 Lichtenstein radar set and heavier armament with the bomb bay removed.

This model represents a Dornier Do217J-1 of II/NJG.2 at Gilze-Rijen, Holland, in March 1942.

**Data:** long range night fighter. *Engine* two BMW 801L radial engines of 1,147kw each. *Wing span* 19m. *Length* 17m. *Gross weight* 17,200kg. *Maximum speed* 515km/h. *Armament* four 20mm cannon, four 7.92mm machine guns, two 13mm machine guns and eight 50kg bombs. *Crew* 3.

*Airfix* 1/72 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in June 1992.



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