

# Lockheed Hudson IV

**The Lockheed Hudson was a light bomber, reconnaissance and general purpose aircraft used widely by allied forces from the beginning of World War II. It served with ten squadrons of the RAAF during the Pacific War.**

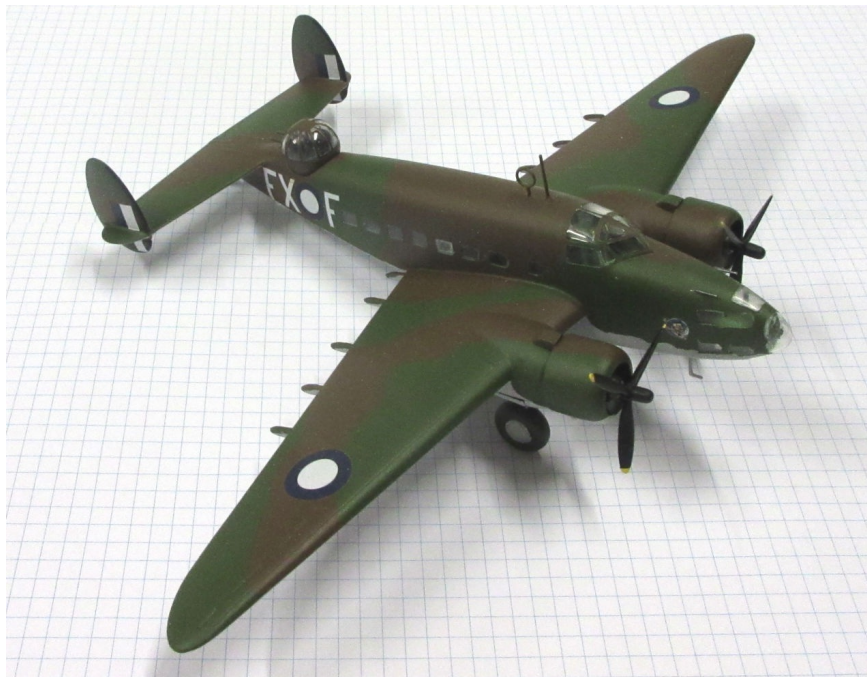
Lockheed offered a military conversion of its Lockheed 14 airliner in late 1937 which attracted the interest of several air forces including Australia. The first one flew on 10 December 1938 and deliveries began in February 1939. When production ended in 1943 2,942 had been manufactured.

Australia ordered 50 Hudsons in January 1939 and deliveries began in January 1940. Eventually the RAAF took delivery of 247 Hudsons and used them for bombing and reconnaissance operations, air-to-sea rescue, transport and convey protection, mainly in the South West Pacific region.

This model represent A16-129 in service with 6 Squadron, RAAF, at Milne Bay in 1943.

**Data:** Light bomber and patrol aircraft *Engines* two Pratt & Whitney R-1830 Twin Wasp engines of 890kW each. *Wing span* 19.96m. *Length* 13.51m. *Gross weight* 7,938kg. *Maximum speed* 396km/h. *Range* 3,150km. *Armament* four 7.7mm machine guns and 640kg of bombs or depth charges. *Crew* 5

*Italeri* 1/72 kit with *DK* decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in February 2023.



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