

# Renard R.38

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The Renard R.38 was the final version of the Renard R.36 that was designed for the Belgian Air Force in the mid 1930s. The R.36 was powered by the 680kW Hispano Suiza 12Ycrs engine and first flew in November 1937. Forty were ordered but production was cancelled after the prototype crashed.

The Renard R.38 was of similar design but fitted with the 770kW Rolls Royce Merlin II engine which increased its speed by about 40kmh. The prototype R.38 first flew on 4 August 1939 and gave good results. Testing was still taking place when German forces occupied Belgium so it was flown to France where it was scrapped after the German occupation there.

This model represents the only Renard R.38 in August 1939.

Data: *Engine* one Rolls-Royce Merlin II engine of 770kW. *Wing span* 11.64m. *Length* 8.80m. *Take-off weight* 26004kg. *Maximum speed* 545km/h. *Range* 1340km. *Armament* four 7.7mm or 13.2mm machine guns. *Crew* 1.

*Dujin* 1/72 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in February 2024.



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