

Dornier Do24K

The Dornier Do24 was a flying boat designed in Germany and first used by the Netherlands Naval Aviation Service in the Netherlands East Indies (now Indonesia). Six were later used by the RAAF as transport aircraft.

The Dornier Do24 was designed as a long range flying boat for the Luftwaffe but lost in a competition against the Blohm & Voss Bv138. However, it was then offered to the Royal Netherlands Navy for service with the Naval Aviation Service in the Netherlands East Indies and 37 had been delivered before the German occupation of the Netherlands in June 1940. Subsequently another 242 were used by the Luftwaffe.

Of the 37 Dutch Do24s six came to Australia after the Japanese invasion of South-East Asia and were pressed into service with the RAAF as transport aircraft. They were withdrawn from operations in late 1944 due to poor serviceability.

This kit represents Dornier Do24K, A49-1, in service with 41 Squadron, RAAF, in November 1943.

Data: transport flying boat. *Engines* three Wright R1820 radial engines of 750kW each. *Length* 22.05m. *Wingspan* 27m. *Maximum speed* 330km/h. *Range* 2,900km. *Crew* 4 to 6.

Revell 1:72 kit with DK Decals decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in October 2025.



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