

Avro Anson Mk.I

The Avro Anson was a general purpose aircraft designed and built in Britain between 1935 and 1952. Over a thousand Ansons were used by the RAAF during World War 2, mainly as training aircraft.

The Avro Anson was initially designed as a relatively cheap maritime reconnaissance aircraft for the Royal Air Force. Development began in 1933 and the prototype first flew on 24 March 1936. Soon after the outbreak of World War 2 the Anson was found to be obsolete for front line service but became one of the main aircraft used to train aircrew during the war. Over 11,000 were manufactured.

A total of 1,017 Ansons were brought to Australia from 1936 for service with the RAAF, initial for coastal patrols and later as trainers. Some were later converted to civil use.

This model represents Anson W2083 flying with No 3 EFTS, RAAF, at Essendon in 1942.

Data: Engines two Armstrong Siddeley Cheetah IX seven cylinder radial piston engines of 250kW each. Wing span 17.22m. Length 12.88m. Maximum take-off weight 3629kg. Maximum speed 303km/h. Range 1060km. Armament two 7.7mm machine guns and up to 160kg of bombs. Crew 3-2..

Airfix 1/72 kit with Dekl's decals and Tasman Models turret completed by Leigh Edmonds in 2025.



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