

# Hawker Typhoon Ib

**The Hawker Typhoon was a British fighter/bomber which saw service during World War 2. It was fast, strong and capable of carrying underwing weapons which made it a potent and important ground attack aircraft during the war.**

The Hawker Typhoon was designed by Hawker as a follow on fighter to their Hawker Hurricane. Preliminary designs began in July 1937, promising an aircraft stronger, faster and more capable than the Hurricane. The prototype first flew on 24 February 1940 but other war time priorities meant they did not enter service until September 1941. At first they were the only British fighter capable of intercepting the new German Fw190 fighter. Later they found their forte as ground attack aircraft armed with bombs and rockets and played a significant part in the war in that role.

This model represents DP-S/SW493, a Typhoon flying with No193 Squadron, RAF, in August 1945.

**Data:** single seat fighter. *Engine* one Napier Sabre IIA 24 cylinder piston engine of 1630kW. *Wing span* 12.67m. *Length* 9.74m. *Maximum take-off weight* 6,010kg. *Maximum speed* 679km/h. *Range* 1,110km. *Armament* four 20mm cannon plus up to 450kg of bombs or rockets. *Crew* one.

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