

British Aerospace Harrier GR.9

The Harrier GR.9 was the final version of the improved Harrier II which began service with UK air forces in the mid 1980s. It flew for the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy before being taken out of service in 2010.

An improved version of the Harrier was developed, mainly in the United States. It had many improvements including an enlarged wing and more powerful Pegasus engine. The first one flew on 30 April 1985.

Britain took part in the development program and began introducing its version, the Harrier GR.5 to service in July 1987. Slightly improved versions, the GR.7 and GR.9 were later introduced and took part in several conflicts. They were withdrawn from service in December 2010.

This model represent ZD477 flying with 800 Naval Air Squadron in the livery it wore on its final flight on 15 December 2010. It is now on display at the RAF Museum, Hendon.

Data: *Single seat V/STOL strike fighter. Engine one Rolls Royce Pegasus Mk105 vectored thrust turbofan engine of 96.7kN thrust. Wing span 9.25m. Length 14.12m. Maximum take-off weight 14,061kg. Range 560km. Armament up to 3650kg of weapons including rockets, missiles and bombs. Crew 1.*

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