

Hawker Hurricane Mk I

PLASTIC MODEL

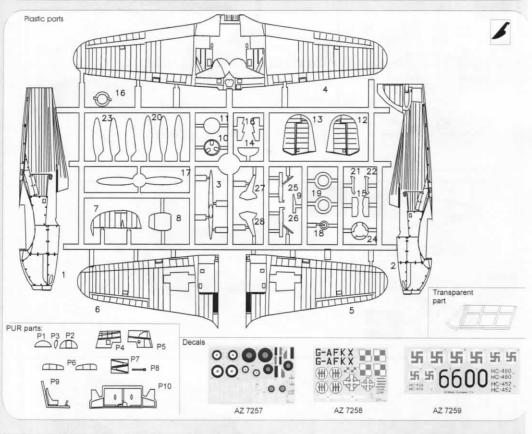
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The first production Hurricane I flew at Brooklands on 12th October 1937 fitted with an early example of the Rolls Royce Merlin II that was rated at 1,030 hp at 16,250 feet (4,955 m). This power unit drove a fixed pitch two bladed propeller and at a weight of 5,459 lb (2,476 kg), the aircraft attained a maximum speed of 318 mph (512 kph) at 17,400 feet (5,305 m).

In January 1939, the Merlin II gave way to the Merlin III with the fitting of a constant speed three bladed propeller and it was this amended specification that was adopted and all Hurricane Mark I's were constructed using this configuration. Other alterations being the armament, which was four Browning .303 machine guns mounted in the wings.

By the 27th September 1939, Hawker had delivered 497 Hurricanes to the RAF against the initial order of 3,500 and was enough to equip 18 Fighter Command squadrons. But despite the need to bring Britain's fighter strength to its potential, quite a number of Hurricanes were exported to other countries. Fifteen went to Turkey, another 15 went to Finland, and 12 went to Romania while 1 went to Poland.

During 1939 and 1940, 24 Hurricane Mark I's were delivered to Yugoslavia, and Belgium was also granted a licence to build the fighter, although 20 had been acquired from Britain only 15 of these had been delivered.





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