

Hawker Fury Mk.I

The Hawker Fury was one of the most attractive fighters to see service with the Royal Air Force in the 1930s but it had been withdrawn from front line service by the beginning of World War II.

Initial designs leading to the Fury began in 1927 but broke with Royal Air Force preferences for radial engines with the in-line Kestrel engine. The Fury was the first fighter to enter RAF service capable of exceeding 200mph and they began flying in front line service in May 1931. About 160 Fury Mk.Is and 98 Fury Mk.IIs flew for the RAF and with a number flew for other air forces. Most were replaced by Hawker Hurricanes in 1939 but many Furies remained in training roles during the early years of the war. Furies flying for the Yugoslavians fought the Germans during their invasion of that country in April 1941.

This model represent a RAF production aircraft, K1938.

Data: *Engine* one 391kW (525hp) Rolls Royce Kestrel II piston engine. *Wing span* 9.14m (30ft). *Length* 8.15m (26ft 9in). *Maximum take-off weight* 1637kg (3609lb). *Maximum speed* 359km/h (223mph). *Armament* two 7.7mm (.303in) machine guns *Crew* one.

Matchbox 1/72 kit. Completed in 1976.



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