

Blohm und Voss Bv141B

The Blohm und Voss Bv141 was designed to give its crew an unrivalled view. Although it was a useful aeroplane the German authorities chose a competing design for production, so this aeroplane did not enter service

A specification for a three seat observation aeroplane, with an emphasis on good all-round visibility, was issued in 1937. German authorities favoured a competing design offered by Focke Wulf but Blohm und Voss built three prototype of the Bv141, the first of which flew for the first time on 25 February 1938. These prototypes sparked official interest and a further five were ordered, that were produced as more powerful Bv141Bs. Testing began in 1941 but development faltered and the project was abandoned in 1943.

This model represents a prototype.

Data: three seat short range reconnaissance and observation aeroplanes. *Engine* one 1560kW (870hp) BMW 801A radial piston engine. *Wing span* 17.46m (57ft 3½in). *Length* 13.95m (45ft 9¼in). *Maximum take-off weight* 5700kg (12,566lb). *Maximum speed* 370km/h (230mph). *Range* 1200km (746 miles). *Armament* two forward firing fixed 7.92 MG17 machine guns and one flexible 7.92 MG15 machine gun.

Airfix 1/72 kit. Completed in 1987



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