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Chapter 1 : Canard Combat Aircraft Of World War II

The List of aircraft of World War II includes all the aircraft used by those countries, which were at war during World War II from the period between their joining the conflict and the conflict ending for them.

Aeronautical research from both Allied and Axis countries contributed greatly to the technology used for the air charters of today. Germany, the United States, Italy, Great Britain, Japan, and the Soviet Union all developed jet aircraft in the hopes of gaining air superiority during the war. While countries such as Great Britain, Germany, and the U. The German-made Ar was the first jet-propelled bomber aircraft. It first flew as a reconnaissance aircraft in at an altitude of 30, feet. Army Air Forces began planning for a jet aircraft in These discussions resulted in the production of the Airacomet, which first flew in Its tendency to sway while in flight made it impractical as a fighter, and the Army Air Forces predecessor of the modern Air Force eventually canceled the project. The P had a top speed of miles per hour and a service ceiling of 46, feet. Its first flight came in February of , and it had a maximum speed of miles per hour and could fly as high as 45, feet. The project was canceled in It had its first flight in and reached an altitude of 13, feet at a top speed of miles per hour. It used both a jet engine and a turboprop engine for propulsion. Its first flight came in , and only two were produced, as the project was canceled at the end of World War II. De Havilland Vampire F. The United Kingdom developed the Vampire F. Its first flight came in , and it went into service in The Sea Vampire variant was the first jet designed to launch from and land on an aircraft carrier. Its top speed was miles per hour, with a maximum altitude of 38, feet. Army Air Forces and used a turbojet engine. It performed poorly as a torpedo bomber, and only two were made. Fieseler Fi R Reichenberg: Germany built the Fi R to serve as a manned V It was considered a suicide aircraft because of the low likelihood that the pilot would survive. The Reichenberg was launched from another aircraft, and its purpose was to crash into a target. It never saw service during wartime. Its first flight was in , and its maximum speed was miles per hour. They were replaced by the Meteor F. The Gloster Meteor succeeded in shooting down a V-1 in August of It took flight for the first time in and reached a top speed of more than miles per hour. It first flew in and had a top speed of miles per hour, with a maximum altitude of 37, feet. Germany produced a total of nine of these aircraft. It was designed for a maximum speed of miles per hour, but it never saw service due to the Soviet invasion. This German fighter-bomber was shaped like a flying wing and was intended to have stealth characteristics. The Ho first flew with its jet engine in December of , but it suffered a malfunction and a fatal crash in The United States captured the V3 variant in an effort to prevent the Soviets from getting the technology. Two of these bomber aircraft were built by Germany, the first of which flew in It had a unique swept-wing design, in which the wings angled forward rather than to the rear or straight out to the side. It used a fixed landing gear and reached a top speed of miles per hour. The construction site was captured by the Soviet army. Lockheed P Shooting Star: This American aircraft was built in days and reached a top speed of miles per hour. Its first flight was in , and while it did not see battle in World War II, it served admirably in the Korean War, scoring the first jet-versus-jet kill in a dogfight with a North Korean MiG Its top speed was miles per hour, and it flew at a maximum height of 43, feet. This German jet fighter first flew in and went into combat in , and it was ultimately responsible for shooting down hundreds of Allied planes, primarily bombers. Its maximum speed was miles per hour, and it could fly as high as 38, feet. This German jet aircraft was a parasite fighter, which meant that it was launched by another aircraft. It was found to be unsuitable as a fighter, after which other roles were sought out for it, including a suicide bomber. Its first flight occurred in , and its maximum speed was intended to be miles per hour. It was meant to fly at speeds close to Mach 1, and it was made to carry air-to-air missiles. The design also called for the ability to reposition its wings at variable angles. American forces captured the prototype in It provided the inspiration for the Bell X-5, which was able to vary its wing configuration while flying. The Russian-made MiG, also called the I, was a jet fighter that first flew in , but it was abandoned in It reached a maximum speed of miles per hour and used both a propeller system and a jet engine. Japan paid a large sum of money to license the rights to the German Me jet fighter. The result of this was the Japanese J8M Shusui fighter aircraft. It first took flight in but crashed in due to a

mid-flight stall. This Japanese jet aircraft was intended to be a fighter, interceptor, and bomber. It had foldable wings for compact storage, and its first flight occurred in August of It never saw service due to the war ending shortly afterward. It was intended to fly as fast as miles per hour. The XPB was a flying wing jet-powered interceptor that first flew in Its pilot would lay prone in order to better withstand G-forces at high speeds. Only one of these aircraft was ever built, and it suffered a fatal crash during testing. Though it first flew in , it never saw combat, and the project was retired in It used both a propeller engine and a jet engine for propulsion, with a maximum flight altitude of 43, feet and a top speed of miles per hour. This Soviet-era jet aircraft was designed as a fighter and used both a piston propeller engine and a jet engine. The Su-5 suffered a number of setbacks, including the lack of an available replacement engine when the first one broke up in flight, and the project was canceled in Yokosuka MXY7 Model The earlier Model 11 was used in combat, but the war ended before Japan could deploy the updated Model 22 version. It talks about German designer Hans von Ohain and his pioneering contributions to the design of jet engines. The number of aircraft produced and their cost are some of the topics that it covers. Click this link for a short summary of the history of the Army Air Forces, which eventually became the U. Chronology of the Second World War: Timeline of World War II: Go here to read a global look at the timeline of World War II, starting with the appointment of Hitler as chancellor of Germany. Read about the use of the atomic bomb against Japan on this page from George Washington University. Submarines were an important part of the war effort in the Pacific. Visit this page for information about how submarines affected the course of the war against Japan. Women in World War II: During World War II, close to , women served in various roles to help the war effort. Go here to read about the ships that helped transport troops and supplies to Allied forces during World War II. A table of contents directs readers to photographs and other pages with facts about these transport ships. To arrange a private or group jet charter contact Stratos Jet Charters at

Chapter 2 : One Of The Fastest Aircraft of WWII And The Luftwaffe's Worst Nightmare - It Was Made Of W

A list of USAAF, USN, USCG, and USMC aircraft of the World War II time period.. Wikimedia Commons has media related to World War II American aircraft.

Come out and see what fought in the first world war! As such, it immediately outclassed all piston fighters and would have been a serious threat if it had been available in significant numbers. The design predated WWII, but engine difficulties delayed operational status until mid No original Mes are still airworthy. Guido Mutke visited our museum several years ago, before he passed away. As one of few fighters available at the beginning of the war, they were sent under lend-lease to Britain and the Soviet Union as well as serving famously with the American Volunteer Group, the Flying Tigers. The P was almost obsolete at the beginning of the war, but with the right tactics, it was still capable of great impact. It returned to the skies after extensive reconstruction in Designed by the Vought Aircraft Company, demand was such that production was also licensed to Goodyear and Brewster. Designed in with the flying prototype built in under days to British specs, the Mustang proved to be capable but somewhat underpowered, particularly at altitude. First operational with U. Markings belong to the Deputy Commander of the rd Fighter Group. In post-war years it served in the air forces of Sweden and Nicaragua. The Bf first saw operational service in during the Spanish Civil War and was still in service at the dawn of the jet age at the end of World War II in It was one of the most advanced fighters of the era, including such features as all-metal monocoque construction, a closed canopy, and retractable landing gear. It was powered by a liquid-cooled, inverted-V12 aero engine. From the end of , the Bf was steadily being supplemented by the Focke-Wulf Fw It first flew the next year. It could be argued that Britain would have lost the war in without this plane. The MAM Hurricane was built in as one of the 1, planes built in Canada, and it is almost completely in its original condition. Haviland returned to the U. Designed for high altitude combat, the Mig-3 was usually forced into roles which resulted in inferior performance. An excellent aircraft above 12, feet, its performance was seriously diminished at lower altitudes. It was a demanding plane to fly in any configuration, and it was relegated to defensive units fairly early in the war. Its final service prior to restoration was as a dilapidated playground attraction in an Israeli kibbutz. The Wildcat was an American carrier-based fighter built by Grumman that entered service in with the U. In the Pacific, it was the only fighter available in the early war, and it was only with superior tactics that it achieved a 6: Sadly, it was the last fighter built by Boeing. The prototype first flew in , and the type was still in use in the Philippines as late as The unusual high-back canopy, which was armored, was added due to the planes unfortunate tendency to flip over after a bad landing due to the short nose. Despite the small production, the type actually served until with the Guatemalan Air Force. The twin-row BMW radial engine that powered most operational versions enabled the Fw to lift larger loads than the Bf , allowing its use as a day fighter, fighter-bomber, ground-attack aircraft and, to a lesser degree, night fighter. The Fw made its air combat debut on the Eastern Front in October , finding much success in fighter wings and specialized ground attack units. This aircraft is unusual in that it is fitted with a four-bladed propeller and hub rather than the original three-blade propeller , and has a modified cowling to fit a more modern Tupelov Tu-2 engine. Originally the Dora was used by the German Luftwaffe to combat high-altitude bombers. Theo Nibel of JG It was the most-produced Soviet fighter plane of the pre-war era, and Soviet Air Force pilots held the plane in high regard due to its stability and combat handling. By , the aircraft was mostly used for observation, patrol, anti-submarine defense, and night attacks. They were in use all the way up to , and for some years in Mongolia after that. It was found wrecked in Northern Russia and was fully restored in time to fly in the Moscow Air Show. The I was definitely a front-line fighter at the outbreak of WWII, but as early as it was beginning to be outclassed by most opposing fighter aircraft. This particular plane was built in according to the data plate found at the crash site near the Finnish border. It saw limited use but did fly against the Japanese in Mongolia. It also had a larger engine and fully retractable landing gear. This aircraft, serial number , once flew with the 2nd Aviation Fighter Squadron of the Northern Navy. After being restored in Russia in , this plane performed at air shows in New Zealand. First flown and accepted in , the new fighter was all metal compared to partially

wood, and it had a new laminar flow wing, much like the U. The La-9 had greater fuel capacity and better armament than its predecessor, but it was inferior to the Yakovlev Yak-3, and production was ended less than two full years later in Variants included adding a pulse-jet engine under each wing, but the resulting small airspeed increase came at the cost of poor handling, vibration, and noise. Based on the P Aircobra, the P was delivered in Several unique features characterize the plane, including tricycle gear, cannon firing through the propeller hub, automotive-style cockpit door, and mid-fuselage engine installation. The P proved to be a solid ground attack platform and was used by the Soviets for killing German tanks and general low-level work. None are known to have seen combat with U. In her military role, she was used as a troop transport, cargo, bomber, and paratroop platform. The unusual duralumin skin and wing spars and the corrugation provided extra strength and stiffening of the structure. The aircrafts light armament and low speed made it vulnerable to fighter attack, and losses grew dramatically as the war progressed. It carries the markings of the early war campaign in Crete. The crests on the nose are the coats of arms of the cities of Brandenburg and Hapsburg. As the entire air bombardment concept owed itself to Gen. Just four short months after Pearl Harbor, Gen. The emotional impact of the raid on both nations was far greater than the actual damage inflicted. Former President George H. Bush, then the youngest naval aviator in the service, was shot down while flying an Avenger from the carrier USS San Jacinto while attacking Chi Chi Jima Island and was rescued by a submarine. It served in military branches as an observation, night attack, maritime patrol, bomber, air-sea rescue, and anti-submarine aircraft. From this initial design came the AD Skyraider. Astonishingly, more than one thousand variations were built on this airframe, including ground attack, airborne early warning, night attack, and even nuclear bomber. This particular airplane, number KA, was manufactured in Canada in but never saw combat action in the Second World War. After being sold surplus to a farmer in Alberta, Canada in , it deteriorated in a farm field until when it was acquired by a Canadian museum. A major obstacle was recreating the forms needed for the new wooden fuselage, wings, and tail sections. Glyn Powell, of Auckland, had spent nearly a decade building the 36 foot long molds for the fuselage alone. Developed as a high-speed fighter with a two-man crew, this twin-engine aircraft is powered by dual original Rolls Royce Merlin engines and equipped with four replica machine guns and 20mm cannons under the nose. The Mossie was prized for its maneuverability and speed capability of over mph. Eight years of painstaking restoration work resulted in the long-awaited first flight at Ardmore Airport in September OF Of approximately 30 projects and museum displays that remain, our Mossie is the only flying Mosquito in the world today. She flew with the RAF until , when she was transferred to the Army Air Corps, where she served for nearly forty years. MAM acquired the aircraft in The Stearman is a remarkably rugged aircraft, having been designed to take the abuse of teaching tens of thousands of pilot recruits to fly. From the outset, the Tiger Moth proved to be an ideal trainer, simple and cheap to own and maintain, although control movements required a positive and sure hand as there was a slowness to control inputs. It remained in service with the RAF until In , it had just merged with the famous Albatros firm of WWI fame. In the pre-war years, orders from glider and flying clubs, which would be the nucleus of the future Luftwaffe, ordered so many FWs that a new factory had to be built just to produce the Stieglitz. It is likely that virtually every German pilot of the period flew this plane at some point. After many tests and modifications aimed at its durability and aerodynamics, the final FW proved to have excellent airworthiness. It was a contemporary of the Kaydet biplane trainer and was used by the USAAF during Primary Flying Training as the introductory pre-solo phase trainer for introducing new pilots to flying before passing them on to the more agile Kaydet. This venerable type has flown in many training, liaison, combat, and observation roles in no fewer than 59 countries. Designed by North American Aviation, the T-6 is known by a variety of designations depending on the model and operating air force. It remains a popular warbird aircraft used for airshow demonstrations and static displays. A total of 15, T-6s of all variants were built. It is quite unusual in that it was both designed and built by a U. NAF also procured the rights and tooling for the Wright Series radial engine, and mounted those in their own planes. The N3N was produced in both land and seaplane versions, the latter with a large single float under the fuselage. The N3N has the distinction of being the last biplane in the service of the U. The Bf was of all-metal construction. Particular among these traits was its extremely low fuel consumption rate, good handling, and superb takeoff and landing characteristics. The Bf A

first flew in , followed by the Bf B in The Bf B used the substantially larger, The airframe and the wings are very similar to those of the Bf , one can speak in total of a modernized and heavily modified Bf The pilot and instructor sat in tandem under a long canopy. The first prototype, powered by a hp kW Alfa Romeo Ibis engine, made its maiden flight on 25 June

Chapter 3 : World War II Aircraft - Engineering and Technology History Wiki

The air war of World War 2 was just one complicated component of a very complicated war. OVERVIEW Compared to World War 1 (), World War 2 set the standard for aircraft combat by producing evermore powerful bombers, faster fighters and rocket- and jet-propelled airframes.

World War II Aircraft B Bomber Military aircraft in World War II included bombers, fighters, and reconnaissance airplanes, as well as a limited number of cargo transports, gliders, blimps, and even jets. Aircraft of various kinds had played a highly visible, but relatively minor role in World War I, but during World War II they were arguably the most important weapons delivery system. Both the primary aggressors in the war, Germany and Japan, launched their campaigns with heavy air strikes. The German Luftwaffe, or air force, used fighters and dive-bombers to overrun Denmark and Holland early in the war, as a prelude to their capture of France. Then, improved bombers rained bombs on England in an attempt to knock this enemy out of the war. The British responded with advanced fighters such as the famous Spitfire, which was guided by the new technology of radar. Japan also inaugurated its war on the U. S with an air attack. The Japanese used aircraft carriers, which had been in service since the s in the famous Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, which destroyed most of the U. S Pacific fleet using aircraft almost exclusively. Technologically, military aircraft rapidly evolved during the war. The wood-and-fabric biplanes of the Great War were superseded by sleek aluminum airframes with powerful, often supercharged piston engines. Radically new types of aircraft also emerged. The Germans, English, and Americans began to experiment with jet-powered aircraft, with the Germans and British actually flying some combat missions in them. These new aircraft achieved very high speeds using the jet engine , a new type of engine that had no propellers. However, the bulk of aerial combat was conducted using propeller-driven, human-piloted fighters and bombers. Over the course of the war, many important battles took place on land and at sea, but it is significant that many of the closing events of the war also depended on aircraft. Once the Allies began retaking territory in Europe, heavy bombers began to attack within Germany. By destroying much of its ability to produce fuel and munitions, bombers turned the tide on the German war effort. Finally, the large bombers developed late in the war, such as the B were huge craft capable of delivering atomic bombs nearly anywhere in the world. S used a B called the Enola Gay in its final airborne attackâ€”dropping the atomic bomb on Japan. By the end of the war in , fighters and bombers had been transformed into highly effective weapons systems.

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Italian aircraft engineer Sergio Steffanutti had become interested in canard aircraft in the s, developing a lightweight flight demonstrator designated the "S. A single prototype was built, performing its initial flight with test pilot Ambrogio Colombo at the controls on 7 March , months before the outbreak of war. There was an engine inlet scoop on either side of the fuselage, just behind the cockpit. Sources differ on the armament configuration -- some sources claim two millimeter cannon and a single millimeter cannon, but that was unusually heavy armament for an Italian fighter of the time and a more plausible fit was two Pictures show the Breda machine guns fitted, but the port for the cannon left empty. An aileron malfunctioned and Colombo tried to set the machine down in available open space; he ran into a tree and was killed, with the aircraft totaled. The initial flight had not demonstrated any particular superiority to fighter aircraft of conventional configuration, and there had been increasing misgivings about the project anyway. How was the pilot to bail out, for example, without getting chopped to pieces by the rear-mounted propeller? There were also concerns about engine cooling, rearward view, and that the engine would crush the pilot if the aircraft ran into something on the ground. Steffanutti went on to develop lightweight fighter aircraft of conventional configuration. The request specified that "unconventional configurations" would be acceptable, and the manufacturers took the Air Corps at their word. The result would be three of the most unconventional aircraft developed by the US during World War II, all pusher-prop fighters: The Curtiss machine was designed by a team under Don Berlin and was originally known by the company code of "CW". It was to have swept rear wings with wingtip tailplanes; what would be later called "all-moving foreplanes" up front; and a retractable tricycle undercarriage. The Air Corps liked the concept enough to award funding in the spring of for preliminary development and construction of a wind tunnel model, with the aircraft to be given the service designation of "P". USAAC brass were not that impressed by the results of the subsequent wind tunnel tests, so Curtiss engineers decided to build a full-scale flying demonstrator, the "CWB". The CWB featured a fuselage made of steel tubing covered with fabric, a wooden wing, fixed undercarriage with spats, and was powered by a Menasco C four-cylinder inverted-inline engine providing kW HP. Early flights exhibited some directional instability, which was corrected by enlarging the tailfins, moving them farther out on the wing, and adding fins to the top and bottom of the rear fuselage. Flight testing continued at Muroc into May The engine was to drive a three-bladed propeller, though a contra-rotating propeller system had been considered. Armament was initially to be two millimeter cannon and two Browning Harvey Gray at the controls. The takeoff run proved excessive and so the flight surfaces were appropriately modified. The aircraft was given the name of "Ascender", it seems as a joke: Gray bailed out, but the aircraft was a loss. The second XP performed its initial flight on 9 January , with careful flight limits being observed to avoid the accident that had destroyed the first machine. The third prototype followed on 25 April It featured full armament of four machine guns, as well as modifications to deal with the stall problem, most significantly wingtip extensions. The fixes did help with the problem, but the XP still suffered from poor stall recovery and a lack of stall warning, meaning it went into a stall abruptly. An artificial stall warning system was added. The second prototype was updated to the same configuration as the third, but further flight tests into the fall of still demonstrated unsatisfactory stall performance. Glascow, was killed, along with a motorist on the ground. What happened to the CWB is unclear; little mention is made of it, and it was likely scrapped. Companies have their own specific cultures, generally traceable to management policy, and it appears that the Curtiss company culture was unable to attract or keep the best talent, and get things done in an efficient fashion. The XP Ascender was an innovative and interesting aircraft, but Curtiss was simply unable to make it into a winner. After performing some preliminary studies, the First Naval Air Technical Arsenal designed an all-wood glider demonstrator with fixed landing gear, designated the "MXY6". One was later fitted with a small four-cylinder air-cooled engine.

Kyushu had never built such an advanced, high-performance aircraft, but the company was relatively unburdened by production commitments at the time and it was the resource that could be spared. The general configuration of the Shinden was along the lines of that of the S. Armament was four millimeter Type 5 cannon mounted in the nose, with either two kilogram pound or four kilogram pound bombs carried under the wings. Interesting features were small retractable bumper wheels at the base of each tailfin and large slanted air intakes just to the rear of the cockpit. Some deficiencies were noted, but it seems they could have been corrected. Unfortunately for the Shinden, on 15 August the Emperor announced that Japan had decided to surrender to the Allies. The second prototype had been completed by that time but not flown. The IJN had set up plans for full production even before the initial flight of the Shinden, but the idea was a desperate fantasy. Tsurano had also planned a jet-powered variant, the "J7W2", from the outset, to be fitted with an Ne turbojet with 8. One of the Shinden prototypes -- which one is unclear, sources differ -- was hauled off to America by US Navy intelligence for evaluation, though it was apparently not flown. What happened to the other Shinden is a mystery. Most looking at the concept drawings would have called it a canard, but the foreplane was unusually large, and was used as both a lifting and control surface; some like to fudge and call it a "twin wing canard" configuration. The arrangement gave a good forward view, a major plus in carrier operations, and the twin wing helped reduce span of the main wing, eliminating the need for heavy and complicated wing folding kit. The twin wing also made the configuration unusually insensitive to center-of-gravity variations. Miles engineers were somewhat reluctant to try to sell such an unorthodox concept without having backed it up, so a demonstrator, the "M. Apparently Miles had a really crackerjack engineering and prototype construction team, since the demonstrator was completed in only six weeks after the go-ahead, performing its first flight on 1 May It was named the "Libellula", after the formal name for the dragonfly family. The foreplane had almost the same span as the rear wing, though the rear wing had over twice as much area. The bomber was given the designation of "M. It was powered by twin uprated Gipsy Major engines with kW HP each, with each engine mounted in its own nacelle inboard on the wing, driving in tractor configuration. Because of the engine configuration, the foreplane was low mounted while the rear wing was high mounted, to give the props ground clearance. That was as far as it went, however, since official interest faded out and the M. It seemed like a promising concept, but it just got lost in the shuffle. Boulton-Paul came up with a single-seat, single-engine canard attack fighter concept designated the "P. In , Vickers drew up a set of possible configurations for a super-heavy bomber, in the class of the later US Convair B Some of the concepts featured a canard configuration, with six piston engines and bristling with defensive gun turrets. They were very amusing ideas, but never much more than back-of-the-envelope exercises. The tailfin was placed on the bottom instead of the top of the aircraft to keep the props from divoting the runway on takeoff. The DB was basically two DB vee engines ganged together. The DB was being developed for the Heinkel He bomber, and proved a major stumbling block in the He development program; the engine had an unfortunate tendency to catch fire, with the He demonstrating the odd inclination of German engineering to be too clever for its own good. Henschel also came up with a design for a canard fast bomber, the "P. It also never amounted to more than a back-of-the envelope design. Several leading-edge jet fighters, such as the Swedish SAAB JAS 39 Gripen, use the configuration -- though these "canard-delta" machines seem to be more rooted in the notion of attaching a foreplane to a delta-wing supersonic jet than any descendants of the canard concepts of World War II. However, mostly thanks to the efforts of aviation innovator Burt Rutan, pusher-prop canards are now well represented in the sport aviation market. Enthusiasts praise the canard configuration while critics call its merits overblown, but even in the worst case it seems a perfectly reasonable way to build an airplane. It would certainly have been interesting to see what might have been made of canard fighter in combat. I reserve all rights to my writings. However, if anyone does want to make use of my writings, just contact me, and we can chat about it. Francillon, Naval Institute Press, 2nd Edition, The online Wikipedia and writings by aviation enthusiast Joe Baugher were also consulted.

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Armstrong Whitworth Albemarle The Albemarle originated as the Bristol type design to meet an Air Ministry requirement of for a twin engined bomber.

Many original aircraft are in the hands of museums or airshow operators, and turnover is rare. Obviously, they are very expensive. But not only Ps, but other types as well continue to be located. Engines There were two main types of engines used in World War Two airplanes: An in-line engine refers to an internal combustion engine with banks rather than rows of cylinders, including straight and V engines. Usually found in 4- and 6-cylinder configurations, the straight engine has all cylinders aligned in one line, with no or only minimal offset. The radial engine is an internal combustion engine in which the cylinders are arranged around a central crankshaft like the spokes on a wheel. Airplanes with radial engines have a distinctive, large, round nose. Radial engines were very common in aircraft engines between and The cylinders are connected to the crankshaft with a master-and-articulating-rod assembly. Most bombers were powered by radial engines. Unmistakable once you look at it. Radial engines had the cylinder arranged in a circle around the crankshaft, typically two rows. They were also air-cooled, meaning no radiator and coolant systems. In-line engines, with cylinders usually arranged in a VEE, like modern automobiles, were liquid water -cooled, and had vulnerable coolant systems. He builds airplane models from scratch, out of poplar wood! Take a look at some of his fine craftsmanship on the Model Airplanes page. Revell describes themselves as the leader in plastic model kits since , and they are. They include a full line of World War Two aircraft. Model-making is a specialty in it own right, and very difficult to make a model kit that looks like the beautiful examples we see in museums and schools, or like the P shown on the left. But it can be fun, and certainly the smaller plastic kits from companies like Revell are inexpensive. My only hint or suggestion is to decide whether you want to paint it or not first. Many other high-scoring squadrons are included in the full table.

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The Messerschmitt Bf is a German World War II fighter aircraft that was the backbone of the Luftwaffe's fighter force. The Bf first saw operational service in during the Spanish Civil War and was still in service at the dawn of the jet age at the end of World War II in

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Chapter 8 : WW2 Aircraft Ranked-by-Speed

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Chapter 9 : American Aircraft of WWII

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