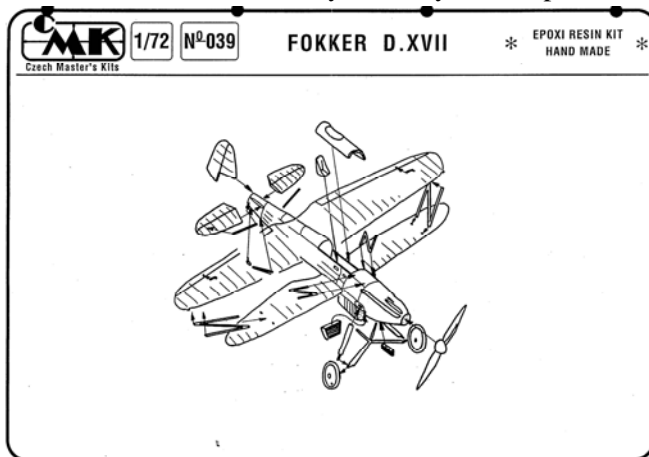


Fokker D.XVII Czech Master's Kitsⁱ resin kit

Sesquiplane fighter

Scale 1:72

The D.XVII was a further development of the Fokker D.XVI and made its first flight in November 1931ⁱⁱ. The aircraft had a slightly larger span than the D.XVI but the major improvement was a newly designed fuselage with a considerably smaller cross-section, giving it a somewhat better performance. As with the D.XVI, the thinner wings needed bracing to obtain sufficient stiffness and to prevent flutter. The prototype equipped with a Curtiss Conqueror engine was developed for the Dutch East Indies Army Military Air Department



(LA-KNIL), which did not order the airplane, as has been the case with many Fokker aircraft specifically developed for them. The Dutch Air Department (LVA) ordered the fighter with a Rolls Royce Kestrel engine in small quantities. Some aircraft served until the Second World War, mainly as training aircraft. It was the last bi-plane fighter built by Fokker.

The kit is packed in a plastic bag and contains resin parts and an instruction sheet showing an exploded view only, so for the assembly the use of photographs and drawings is essential. The parts are of decent quality and need little rework. **Decals?**

Alting (ref. 1), Franquinet (ref.1), Hegener (ref. 3), Hooftman (ref. 4), Schoenmaker (ref. 6), Wesselink (ref. 7), Vliegwereld (ref. 8), Vredeling (ref. 9) and Postma (ref. 10) report the dimensions of the D.XVII, while Franquinet, Postma (ref. 5) and Vredeling also provide a three-view drawing.

	<i>Ref.</i>	<i>1:72</i>	<i>model</i>
<i>Span (upper wing)</i>	9.60-9.63 m	133.3-133.8 mm	mm
<i>Length</i>	7.25-7.29 m	100.7-101.3 mm	mm
<i>Height</i>	2.77-3.10 m	38.5-43.1 mm	mm
<i>Engine</i>	Rolls Royce Kestrel IIS, 590 hp		
<i>Crew</i>	1		
<i>Armament</i>	2 machine guns 7.9 mm		

Cockpit

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Fuselage

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Wing

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Undercarriage

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Final assembly

At the time of building I did not yet include control and bracing cables in my models, so I have built this model purely as indicated in the kit instructions.



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ⁱ www.cmkkits.com; The D.XVII kit is not any longer in the CMK programme, but (a variant) is included in the programme of Czech Master Resin models www.cmrmodels.co.uk/cmr-5049/fokker-dxvii.html.

ⁱⁱ Wesselink (ref. 7) quotes March 1932 as the date of the first flight.