

British Ariel Transport FK.23 Bantam I Scaleplanes¹ resin kit

Biplane fighter

Scale 1:72

The FK 23 Bantam I, designed by Koolhoven for British Ariel Transport, a firm he established after leaving Armstrong-Whitworth, was an excellent plane with good performance, but appeared too late to play a role in the First World War. It also did not have any change to compete with the large surplus stock of cheap WW I aircraft flooding the market after the war.

The kit comes and contains .

The instruction sheet .

Arnken (ref.1), Wesselink (ref.2), van der Meer (ref. 3) and Top (ref. 4) give the dimensions of the Bantam I, while Wesselink and van der Meer also present a three-view drawing.



	<i>Ref.</i>	<i>1:72</i>	<i>model</i>
<i>Span</i>	7.63 m	106.0 mm	mm
<i>Length</i>	5.62 m	78.1mm	mm
<i>Height</i>	2.04 m	28.3 mm	mm
<i>Engine</i>	A.B.C. Wasp 170-200 hp		
<i>Crew</i>	1		
<i>Armament</i>	2 MG		

Cockpit

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Fuselage

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Wing

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Undercarriage

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Final assembly

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¹ <web adress of kit producer>www.xxx.yyy