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Arado Ar 76

Among, the earliest specifications drawn up by the C-Amt of Goring s "Luftfahrtkommissariat" was one calling for a lightweight single-seater for use as emergency "Heimatschutzjager"

The first prototype, the Ar 76a /D-ISEN/, was completed late in 1934, this being followed in the spring of 1935 by a second prototype, the Ar 76 V2 /D-IRAS/. The general characteristics of the Ar 76 were adjudged excellent, but in the final evaluation of the contending designs, the Arado was placed second to the Fw 56. Nevertheless, a small production series of Ar 76A aircraft was ordered as a back-up for the Fw 56 programme, and these, delivered to the Luftwaffe in the spring of 1936, were used by the Jagdfliegerschulen.

Dimensions:

Power Plant: Argus As 10C Span: 31 ft. 2 in. 23 ft. 7,5in. Length: 1,653 lb. Empty weight: Max speed: 137 m.p.h. Normal range: 292 mls

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