



Bellanca Cruisemaster Vintage Aircraft Model Kit



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Summary

Model kit featuring the vintage Bellanca Cruisemaster antique aircraft.

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The Aircraft

The Bellanca Cruisemaster, introduced in the early 1940s, is a distinguished aircraft known for its blend of performance, comfort, and reliability. Developed by the Bellanca Aircraft Corporation, the Cruisemaster was designed to cater to the needs of private pilots and business travelers seeking a capable and stylish aircraft.

Powered by a 190-horsepower Lycoming O-435 engine, the Cruisemaster could cruise at speeds of around 160 miles per hour, making it one of the faster aircraft in its category. Its construction featured a high-wing, strut-braced design, which provided excellent visibility for pilots and passengers and contributed to its stable and predictable flight characteristics. The

aircraft's spacious cabin could accommodate four occupants comfortably, a notable feature for personal and business travel during that era.

The Bellanca Cruisemaster's robust design and efficient performance made it a popular choice among private owners and flying clubs. It was particularly appreciated for its ability to operate from short and unimproved airstrips, expanding its utility for pilots in diverse environments.

Despite facing competition from other manufacturers, the Cruisemaster maintained a loyal following due to its distinctive combination of style and practicality. Today, surviving examples of the Bellanca Cruisemaster are cherished by vintage aircraft enthusiasts and collectors. Its legacy endures as a symbol of mid-20th century aviation innovation, representing an era when personal air travel was becoming increasingly accessible and appealing.

The Model

This is one of my favorite planes to come across at the local fly-ins. Love the look of Bellanca aircraft. This one's always fun to see with its unique tail configuration.

This model goes together like the rest. This one didn't require any glue, but yours may. I was particularly happy with how the landing gear turned out. Fit like a glove for me. Hope it's that way for you, too! If not, make sure you're print order is outside/inside. Otherwise I find it adds dimension to the parts.

If you have any questions or comments, please post them below and I'll try to get back to you ASAP.

Happy building!

Model files

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