

Worst Aircrafts of World War -2

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List of few aircrafts developed with envisions of glory but which proved otherwise in the real battle field. Design inefficiencies are highlighted in bold.

Fairey Battle Great Britain: It was also the first operational aircraft to use the legendary Rolls Royce Merlin engine. Its slow pace of aircraft development during the late 1930s, made it obsolete before it ever reached a squadron. Its **slow flying speed** was the major cause of it being targets of gunner inspite of its advantages in payload

Breda Ba.88 Lince Italy: Its streamlined design and retractable undercarriage were advanced for the time. In spite of having advantages in speed, these **plane's trade off of its speed** with increasing payload soon caused its extinction. From being a record setter, the Lince could now only reach half its claimed speed because of addition of sand filters, armory.

PZL.30 Zubr Poland: This plane was converted from a passenger aircraft to bomber. **Airframe wasn't strong** enough. Plane broke off in mid air carrying officers. The undercarriage, whose locking mechanism was extremely weak and unreliable, resulting in most aircraft flying with it fixed down. It could carry only very less payload and hence became obsolete.

Messerschmitt Me 210 Germany: One very advanced feature was the use of side rear firing 13 mm (0.51 in) MG 131 turret guns (barbettes), controlled remotely by the rear crew member. However, this aircraft was very **prone to stalling** and hence the least popular.

Blackburn Botha Great Britain: Conceived as a three seat torpedo bomber/reconnaissance plane, the Botha first flew on 28th December, 1938. The Air Ministry then dictated a fourth crew member should be added, further reducing the Botha's already inadequate performance. Testing had proven the **airframe extremely unstable** and inadequate for front line service. Very quickly it developed a reputation as a **death trap**.

Blackburn Roc Great Britain: Roc was envisioned as a mobile observation post, engaging "fleet shadowing" aircraft that could report on ship movements whilst staying beyond the range of AA guns, or breaking up incoming torpedo and dive bomber attacks. It was also designed with a limited dive bombing capability of its own. The only way the gunner could get aim at an opposing fighter would be if the **pilot flew straight and level**. The aircraft lacked any forward firing guns, and the turret could not even fire head on. It also proved almost impossible for the gunner to bail out of a stricken aircraft. As a fighter it failed utterly, and in its career scored a grand total of *one confirmed kill*.

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