

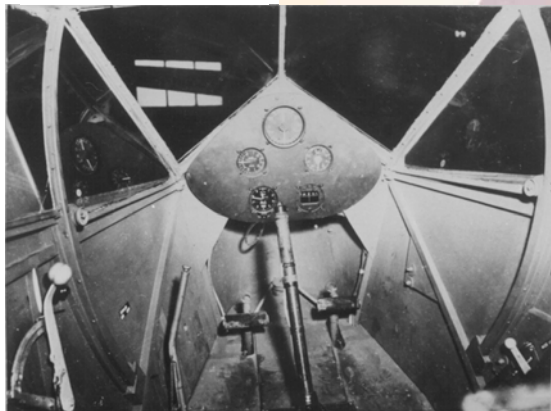


Here's one made from similar components to those you received in this kit. The wing loop skids were made from the wire as provided.

**A word on the decals**—those provided are laser printed and have no white backing. You'll need to paint white dots where the roundels are placed if you choose to use them. Soak them in water for 10 seconds and apply as you would any normal decal. Setting agent is recommended.

Here's a built-up model again from the right. The windows were fashioned out of PVA glue simply spread around in the aperture.

The vac-formed canopy was attached using PVA glue as per the previous suggestion/instruction.



Here's a view of the interior, again, courtesy of Dick Hourigan. One can see the simplistic instrumentation and the rudimentary flying controls.

I chose to paint mine interior green /zinc chromate but doped silver might be an option.

Useful references for this subject are:

"Australia's Wooden Warbirds" - Air International July 1976

"RAAF Aircraft General Instruction No C11 Issue 4. 31 July 1942

"De Havilland Aircraft since 1909" A.J.Jackson. Putnam 1978

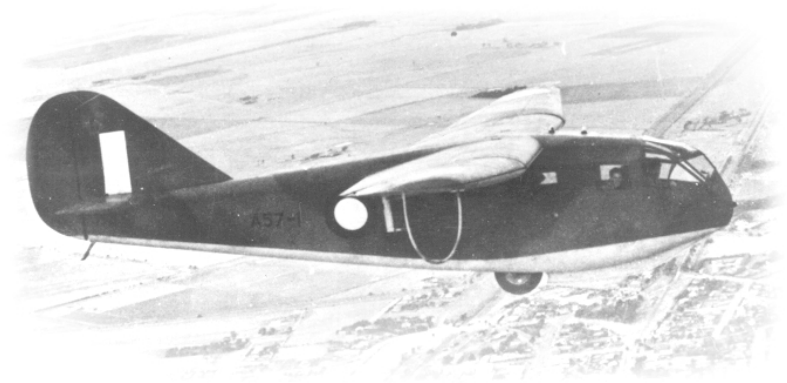
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## DE HAVILLAND AUSTRALIA DHA G2 GLIDER

AUSTRALIAN EXPERIMENTAL TROOP CARRYING GLIDER  
FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR.



Another classic Australian aeronautical milestone.

In 1942 a specification was issued for the creation of an indigenous troop carrying glider for rapid deployment in the event of a mainland invasion. The de Havilland factory at Bankstown, NSW, accepted the specification and produced two prototypes. By 1943 six slightly larger production versions reached the RAAF, the first of these is the subject of this model kit. Eventually the War was won, the invasion never came, and the airframe was used for other experiments and eventually struck off charge bringing the chapter on Australian troop carrying gliders to a close.

**1/72 scale**

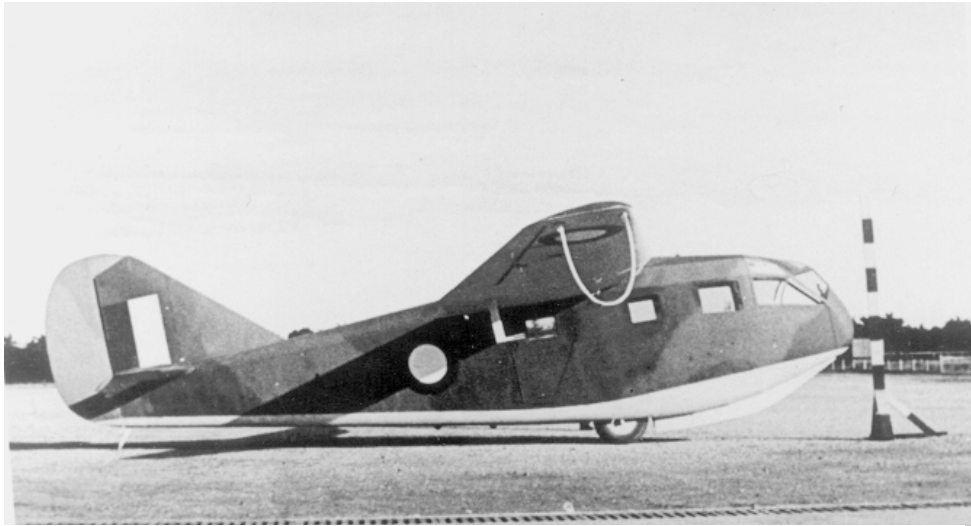
**Parts included in this kit are:**

- 1 x wing section
- 1 x fuselage
- 1 x fuselage forward roof
- 1 x canopy
- 2 x tail pieces
- 1 x length of wire for details
- 1 x strip of clear plastic



In the original version of this kit I included an exploded view as there was more assembly required. This version has the wings already joined and the fuselage in one piece, so I figured it wasn't necessary for an exploded view this time around as it's kind of obvious where the wings go ! There should be enough data here to work things out.

For the inevitable gaps you can use Milliput or similar putty. Another method which is effective but not the best for your lungs is mixing Tamiya putty with a little Methyl Ethyl Ketone (available from hardware shops as Plumbers Fluid) and apply with a brush. After some smoothing over with more MEK it won't require much sanding. The windows can be made from little squares cut from the plastic provided or simply use PVA glue masked over the holes



A57—1 at No1 Aircraft Proving Unit Laverton Victoria mid 1943.

Camouflage pattern for A57-1.

