



PZL S-1 (1945)



Although the PZL S-1 looks like a 1930 design, it was in fact built in 1945. How a country decimated so severely during World War II could produce even a frying pan is quite amazing. It appears to have been designed for a military role, judging from it's being adorned with the Polish national insignia. But curiously, the insignia was not displayed on the upper surfaces of the wing. A soviet mandate, probably.

As near as I can ascertain, the 5 cylinder M-11D engine, cowl, and prop were lifted from a PZL built Polikarpov PO-2. We hope designer Eugeniusz Stankiewicz didn't get an all expense paid trip to Siberia for that maneuver.

It is difficult to say what colors this ship may have sported. The single black and white photo has light and dark areas as shown on the 3-view. It may have been white with red trim, the Polish national colors, but the shaded areas appear darker than the insignia, which we know to be red and white. Perhaps yellow and black? Who knows, alas. One unusual point is that the tires appear to have white walls! At any rate she is a nice bus and one worth working up a model of. The very slight taper in the planform of the wing is interesting. Hardly seems worth the effort to make so many different ribs just for such a slight taper.