



ANTON "ANTHONY" FOKKER

Innovator (1890 - 1939)

Fokker was a Dutch aircraft manufacturer. His father wanted him to be an automobile mechanic, but Fokker was more interested in flight. He opened his own aircraft manufacturing company in Germany when he was 22. He developed fighter planes during WWI and played a role developing interrupter gear that allowed pilots to aim and fire machine guns from their planes without hitting and damaging their own propellers.