

Dassault Mystère IV

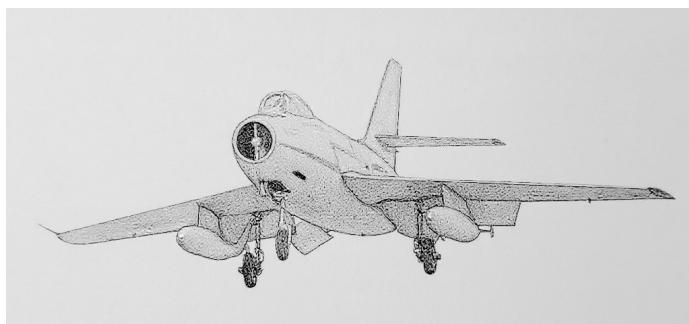


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The Mystère IV was a fighter-bomber. It resembled the earlier Mystère aircraft, but was a new design adapted for supersonic flight. It featured an air-intake in the nose, a single engine, and sharply swept wings and tail.

Versions

MD 454A

The MD 454A or Mystère IVA model was the only version to reach production. It featured a non-afterburning Rolls-Royce Tay engine (supplied by Rolls-Royce themselves or built under license by Hispano-Suiza) and two 30 mm DEFA cannons under the nose. It could reach supersonic speeds only in a dive.

The Mystère IVA entered service with the Armée de l'aire in 1955 and served first as an interceptor and then as a fighter-bomber. It also served with the Israeli Air Force from 1956 to 1971 and with Indian Air Force from 1957 to 1973.

Armament and Stores

The principal armament of the Mystère IVA was two 30 mm DEFA cannons under the nose. Two 450L fuel tanks would often be carried for extended range. For air-to-ground missions, the Mystère IVA could also carry bombs, napalm tanks, 105 mm Brand T-10 rockets, and SNEB 68 mm rocket pods.

Combat

Israeli Mystère IVAs saw combat in the 1956 and 1967 Arab-Israeli Wars. French aircraft also fought in the 1956 Suez Crisis. Indian aircraft fought in the 1965 and 1971 India-Pakistan Wars.

ADC

- Mystère IVA

Mystère IVA					Crew: Pilot				
					Maneuver DPs:				
					LR/DR	1.5			
					VR	1.0			
					Turn DPs:				
					CL	1/2	DT		
					TT	0.5	1.0	1.0	
					HT	1.0	1.0	1.0	
					BT	1.5	2.0	2.0	
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