

## Polikarpov R-5



The Polikarpov R-5 light biplane bomber/attack aircraft first entered Soviet service during early 1931 and eventually equipped over 100 regiments of the Soviet Air Force. The aircraft saw service in Spain, where one bomber group arrived in November of 1936, seeing combat as light bombers, night harassment and coastal surveillance aircraft. Soviet R-5's were produced in a number of variants including the R-5a (floats), R-5T (single seat torpedo bomber), and R-5L (enclosed cabin for two passengers). Over 1,000 R-5's were used for civil transports.







