

Fokker D.XXI reproduction to fly next year



A head-on view of the restoration, showing the project's original Cyclone engine.

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A team of engineers in the Netherlands is preparing to roll out a potentially airworthy reproduction of a Fokker D.XXI.

Hoogeveen-based ATN Aircraft Division plans to unveil the aircraft on May 30 at the airfield's Wings & Wheels Fly-in. Another year of work

is anticipated before the machine - registered PH-XXI - makes its first flight in the spring of 2020.

Having already rebuilt several historic airframes, ATN is now close to completing what it describes as its biggest challenge to date. The Fokker is destined to be the only airworthy example of its type in the world, and will be flown as a tribute to Dutch airmen who fought for the country's freedom in World War Two.

Company boss Jack van Egmond began the project with his grandson Tom in 2014. The duo built up the main wing spars and ribs utilising both newly made and authentic parts (including a Wright R-1820 Cyclone engine), using original drawings as a guide. The project is being supervised by certified engineers, Fokker Technologies and the Dutch Ministry of Aviation.



Fokker D.XXI PH-XXI is taking shape in the Netherlands. SJOERD LOUJENGA