

WW1 Bessonneau Hangar

The **Bessonneau hangar** is a portable timber and canvas aircraft hangar used by the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) during the Great War. Many Bessonneau hangars were also subsequently used by the fledgling Royal Air Force (RAF) as temporary structures until more permanent facilities could be built.



- Designed and manufactured by a French rope and canvas company in 1908. It was primarily used to protect flying machines for races.
- In WW1, the design was adopted by the British Royal Flying Corps to house airplanes in both Great Britain and France.
- They were also extensively used at RFC Aircraft Acceptance Parks, where aircraft were assembled and tested before delivery, and for squadrons that moved from Britain to advancing battlefronts in France.
- Adopted for civilian use for cheap and portable storage for civilian aircraft.
- After World War II, British military use of Bessonneau hangars continued for the purpose of storing powered aircraft and gliders operated by the Air Training Corps ('Air Cadets'), until about 1990, and the last spare parts were disposed of by RAF Stafford circa 1988.



Complete Bessonneau Hanger: Includes wood structure, covering (10oz olive drab Canvak), hardware, rope and stakes with pre-assembled uprights and truss sections. Made-to-order; allow 6-8 weeks production. Custom size available.

Outside Dimensions: 30'x40'x16'

Inside Dimensions: 30'x34'x11'

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