

# Piper L-4 “Grasshopper”

The Piper L-4 Cub was a derivative of the famous J3 Cub and was the U.S. Army’s favorite liaison aircraft. Numerous L-4s performed in all major theaters of WWII in artillery spotting, transporting personnel, delivering supplies, and serving all sorts of other so-called “minor” missions. The L-4 was the most widely produced “L-bird” and could be operated from the roughest of conditions with relative ease.

The Piper “Flitfire” was a limited production (49 aircraft), and uniquely painted, version of the Piper J3 Cub built pre-U.S. entry into WWII to aid Royal Air Force War Veterans.

Originally designated O-59 and produced in 1941 for the U.S. Army Air Corps, the L-4 was also designated NE-1 and NE-2 by the U.S. Navy. Over 5,600 aircraft were produced.