



## Avro Anson: Images of Aviation (Paperback)

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The History Press Ltd, United Kingdom, 1997. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Avro Anson was born from the germ of an idea in 1933, when G. Woods Humphrey, managing director of Imperial Airways, met Sir John Siddeley, chief executive of the Armstrong Siddeley Development Company, to discuss his ideas for a new aircraft. Sir John passed the specification to A.V. Roe Co. Ltd, where chief designer Roy Chadwick began work on the first of many Avro designs. That first design, approved by Imperial Airways and brought into production in 1934, was for a four-passenger, mail-carrying aircraft, powered by two Armstrong Siddeley Cheetah V engines. As the Avro 652 it was one of the first British aeroplanes to feature a retractable undercarriage. An Air Ministry requirement for a coastal patrol aircraft almost matched the specification of the mailplane and, with the addition of a gun turret and other military equipment, the Avro Anson was born. The Anson played an important role in Britain's coastal defences during the early part of the war, before it was withdrawn from the front line and used for aircrew training. The Anson's reliability and low accident rate earned it...



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