

Boeing XF8B-1

The Boeing XF8B was designed to give the United States Navy a very long range fighter bomber. It was highly effective but did not enter production because official interest had turned to jet aircraft by the time it flew.

Boeing began development of the XF8B in 1943 to give the United States Navy a fighter capable of operations against the Japanese homeland from aircraft carriers beyond the range of Japanese land-based aircraft. Its proposed roles included interceptor, long range fighter and bomber, requirements that made it the largest single-seat fighter to fly in the United States. The first one made its first flight on 27 November 1944 and two more were completed. It was a highly capable aircraft but official interest turned towards jet powered aircraft so the F8B did not enter production

This model represents the first prototype.

Data: long range attack fighter. *Engine* one Pratt & Whitney XR-4360-12 28 cylinder four row air cooled piston of 2,200kW. *Wing span* 16m. *Length* 13.18m. *Maximum take-off weight* 9,839kg. *Maximum speed* 720km/h. *Range* 4,500km. *Proposed armament* six 20mm cannon or .5 machine guns, underwing rockets and 2,900kg of bombs or two 910kg torpedoes.

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