

North American T-28B

The North American T-28 Trojan was designed to replace the world famous T-6 Harvard trainer. It entered service in the early 1950s and eventually also served as a close support ground attack and reconnaissance aeroplane.

North American was awarded the contract for production of the T-28 to replace its earlier T-6 trainer and the first of two prototypes flew on 28 September 1949. The USAF ordered the T-28A in 1950 and the US Navy ordered it in the T-28B version in 1952. In all 489 T-28Bs were ordered and then a further 299 T-28Cs which had an arrestor hook for carrier training.

In 1962 many T-28s were converted to T-28D standard to carry weapons for counter-insurgency work and later again many were converted by Sud Aviation in France for close support, patrol and reconnaissance work with the name Fennec.

This model represents a T-28B of ATU-800, Corpus Christi, c.1955.

Data: *Engine* one 1063kW (1 425hp) Wright Cyclone R-1820-86 radial engine. *Wing span* 12.22m (40ft 1in). *Length* 10.06m (33ft 0in). *Maximum take-off weight* 3856kg (8 500lb). *Maximum level speed* 552km/h (343mph). *Range* 1710km (1060 miles). *Crew* 2. *Armament* up to 540kg of under-wing weapons.

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