

Boeing B-52D

The Boeing B-52 has been among the most important symbols of United State military power since the 1950s. It was designed as a long range nuclear bomber and has also served since the 1960s also as a conventional bomber.

B-52 design began in the late 1940s, settling on the final large eight turbojet engine design in 1948. The first B-52 flew in April 1952 and they were cleared for combat duties in June 1955. The B-52D was the first version to be produced in large numbers and from the mid 1960s they were adapted to also carry conventional bomb loads. They were heavily involved in the Vietnam War but were replaced by more advanced versions so that no B-52Ds remain in service today.

This model represents a B-52D in South East Asian camouflage and markings.

Data: Long range strategic bomber. *Engines* eight Pratt & Whitney J57-P-29-WA turbojet engines of 5489kg (12 100lbs) thrust. *Wing span* 56.39m (185ft). *Length* 47.73m (156ft 7in). *Maximum take-off weight* 204,120kg (450 000lb). *Maximum speed* 893km/h (555mph). *Range* 11,861km (7370 miles). *Crew* 6. *Armament* various nuclear or conventional weapons and four 12.7mm (0.5 inch) tail guns.

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