

McDonnell F-101B

The McDonnell F-101 Voodoo began life as a long range escort fighter but evolved into several other roles. The F-101B became a long range, missile armed interceptor capable of destroying attacking Russian strategic bombers.

In 1952 the United States Air Force selected the Convair F-102 as its ultimate long range interceptor but an interim fighter was needed to fill the role until those aircraft entered service. A new version of the F-101 was planned to do this job, development was slow but after the prototype first flew in March 1957 they began entering service quickly. A total of 479 F-101Bs were manufactured before the end of production in 1961. They flew with the US Air Force until 1972 and remained in service with the Air National Guard until 1982.

This model represents a F-101B of the Texas Air National Guard, c.1982s.

Data: all-weather fighter interceptor. *Engines* two Pratt & Whitney J57-P-55 afterburning turbojet engine of 53kN (16,900lb) thrust each. *Wing span* 12.09m (39ft 8in). *Length* 20.55m (67ft 5in). *Maximum take-off weight* 23,768kg (52,400lb). *Maximum speed* 1825km/h (1134mph). *Range* 2450km (1520 miles). *Armament* two AIM-4 and two AIR-2 missiles. *Crew* 2.

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