

# Lockheed EP-3E

**The Lockheed EP-3E was a modified version of the P-3 Orion anti-submarine aircraft. As a highly sophisticated electronic intelligence aircraft it has served the US Navy from the early 1970s to the present.**

The Lockheed P-3 Orion's large fuselage and versatility made it the ideal airframe for an electronic intelligence aircraft to replace the earlier Lockheed EC-121M from the early 1970s. One EP-3A and two EP-3Bs were produced and so successful that they were replaced by ten EP-3Es (converted from existing P-3As) that served through the 1980s. In turn, they were replaced by twelve more advanced EP-3E, called Aires IIs, (converted from P-3Cs) that served through the 1990s and into the 2000s. EP-3Es have served in many US actions including Bosnia and the wars with Iraq.

This model represents an EP-3E flown by the US Navy squadron VQ-1 in the 1980s

**Data:** *Engine* four Allison T-56-A-14 turboprop engines of 3,450kW (4,600 shaft horsepower) each. *Wing span* 30.36m (99ft 6in). *Length* 35.57m (116ft 7in). *Maximum take-off weight* 64,545kg (142,000lb). *Maximum speed* 311 knots. *Range* 4400km (2739 miles). *Crew* 24.

*Hasegawa 1/72 kit with Super Scale decals completed by Leigh Edmonds in September 2008.*



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