

Hawker Siddeley Nimrod MR.2

The Hawker Siddeley Nimrod was a maritime reconnaissance aeroplane designed and constructed in the United Kingdom, based on the deHavilland Comet airliner. They saw service between 1969 and 2010.

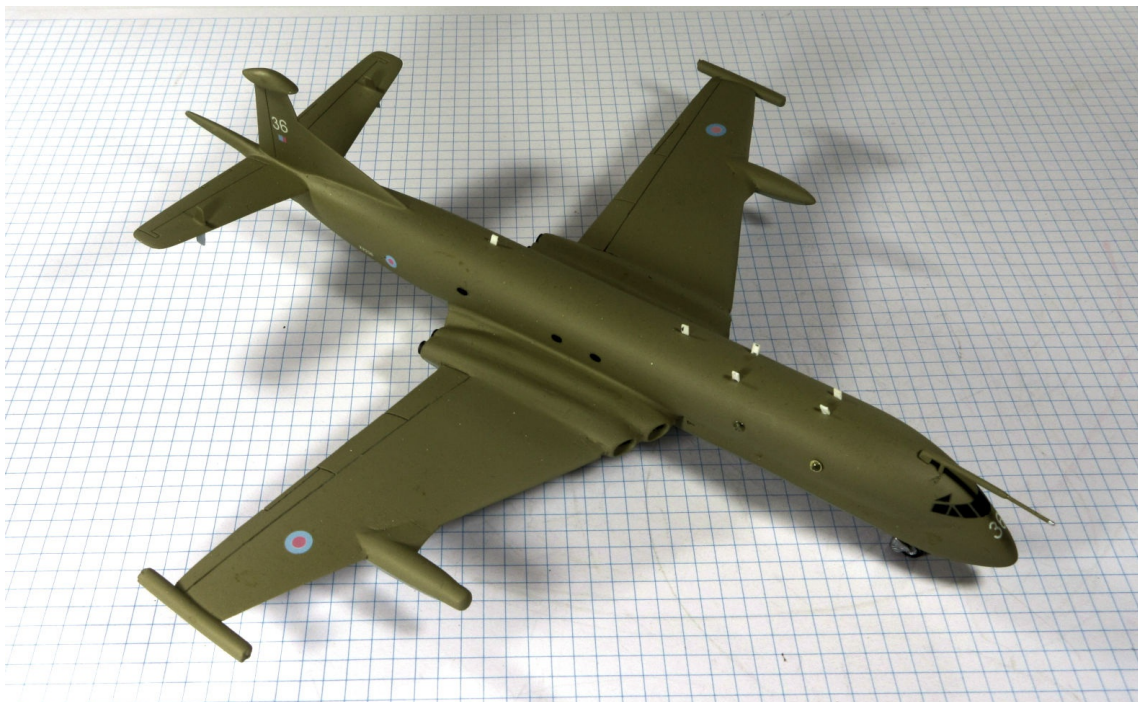
Development of the Nimrod began in 1964 and although it was based on the Comet airliner, it underwent many changes including new engines and an extensively revised fuselage to include sensors and a weapons load in a deepened fuselage. Forty-six Nimrods were ordered, the first one flew in May 1967 and they began entering service in October 1969.

Starting in 1975 32 Nimrod MR1s were upgraded to MR2 standard with improved sensors, weapons and aerial refuelling capability. They were based at Kinloss in Scotland flying with three squadrons, and withdrawn from service in March 2010.

This model represents a Nimrod MR.2, XV236 of 42 Squadron, RAF, in 2007.

Data: *Engine* four Rolls-Royce Spey turbofans of 54.09kN each. *Wing span* 35.00m. *Length* 38.65m. *Maximum take-off weight* 87,090kg. *Maximum speed* 923kmh. *Range* 9265km. *Crew* 12. *Armament* missiles, bombs, torpedoes, mines and sonobuoys up to 9,100kg.

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