

Nord 2502 Noratlas

The Nord Noratlas was a cargo aeroplane designed in the late 1940s. They served successfully with many military forces into the 1980s, primarily in France and Germany. A handful were also manufactured for airline service.

Development of the Noratlas began in 1947 to give France a military transport aeroplane to replace war-time aeroplanes. The first prototype made its initial flight on 10 September 1949 and the initial order was placed on 10 July 1951. A total of 425 Noratlases were manufactured, the majority serving with the Armee de l'Air and the Luftwaffe. Ten civil aeroplanes, models 2502A and B, were constructed with wing tip jet engines, but they were not a great success.

This model represents a Noratlas in service with Union Aeromaritime de Transport in the late 1950s.

Data: cargo and passenger aeroplane. *Engines* two SNECMA manufactured Bristol Hercules 738/739 radial engines of 1,529 kW each and two Turbomeca Marbore II auxiliary turbojets of 3.91 kN each. *Wing span* 32.5m. *Length* 21.96m. *Maximum take-off weight* 22,000kg. *Maximum speed* 440km/h. *Range* 2500km. *Payload* 45 soldiers or 8,458kg. *Crew* 4-5.

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