

Convair B-36B

The Convair B-36 was an intercontinental bomber designed during World War II with the range to fly from North America to Europe and back. They served with Strategic Air Command between 1949 and 1959.

The Convair B-36, called the 'Peacemaker', was designed during World War II to give the United States a truly intercontinental bomber. Due to other priorities during the war, the prototype B-36 did not fly until 8 August 1946 and they entered service in 1949. Until the late 1950s they were the only United States bomber capable delivering heavy atomic weapons to targets in the Soviet Union.

A total of 384 B-36s were manufactured. The first operational version was the B-36B with 62 manufactured. Most were later converted to more advanced versions.

This model represents a B-36B of the 7th BG(H), 8th Air Force, flying from Carswell Air Force Base, Alaska, in 1949.

Data: Long range strategic bomber. *Engines* six Pratt & Whitney R-4360-41 radial engines of 3200kW each. *Wing span* 70.32m. *Length* 49.42m. *Maximum gross weight* 148,778kg. *Cruising speed* 325km/h. *Range* 13,156km. *Crew* 15. *Armament* 16 20mm cannon and 37.653kg of bombs.

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