

Myasishchev M-50 (Bounder)

The Myasishchev M-50 was designed to give the Soviet Union an supersonic bomber capable of attacking targets in North America. However it was never put into production and only one prototype ever flew.

Work on the Myasishchev M-50 began in 1956 to give Russia a supersonic intercontinental bomber. It was to be armed with a supersonic cruise missile. However the engines it was supposed to be equipped with were not yet available so the prototype was fitted with less powerful engines and made its first flight on 27 October 1959. A second prototype with the intended engines was constructed but never flown. The project was abandoned in 1961 when Russian priority was switched to intercontinental ballistic missiles.

This model represents the only M-50 constructed.

Data: Long range supersonic strategic bomber. *Engines* two Dobrynin VD-7F afterburning turbojets of 137.29kN and two Dobrynin VD-7 non-afterburning turbojets of 110Kn thrust each. *Wing span* 35.10m. *Length* 57.48m. *Maximum take-off weight* 200,000kg. *Maximum speed* 1,950km/h. *Range* 7,400km. *Crew* 2. *Armament* 30,000kg of bombs or missiles carried in internal bays.

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