

Boeing 200

The Boeing 200 was a mail-plane developed in the late 1920s with many innovative features including retractable undercarriage and streamlined fuselage. It first flew in 1930 but it was obsolete by 1933 and withdrawn from service.

The Boeing 200 was an advanced aeroplane designed in the late 1920s which made its first flight on 8 May 1930. Unlike most commercial aeroplanes of the time, the Boeing 200 was a departure from traditional transport aircraft with a monoplane wing, hence the name 'Monomail'.

One Boeing 200 was made and tested by the US Army, but not adopted for service. It then entered service flying mail between San-Francisco and Chicago in 1931. Later it was slightly lengthened with a cabin to accommodate eight passengers replacing the mail compartment and flew for United Air Lines. However, civil aviation was developing so rapidly that it was retired in 1933.

This model represents the sole Boeing 200 in mid 1930.

Data: Mail plane. *Engines* one Pratt & Whitney R-1860 Hornet B Wasp radial engines of 429kW. *Wing span* 18m. *Length* 12.75m. *Gross weight* 3,629kg. *Cruising speed* 217km/h. *Range* 925km. *Crew* 1.

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