

Boeing B-50A

The Boeing B-50 was an advanced version of the World War II B-29 Superfortress and filled the gap before the arrival of the B-36 and B-47. It was developed into the KC-97 tanker and Boeing Stratocruiser airliner.

The Boeing B-50 was developed from the B-29. The major visual differences were the installation of more powerful engines and a taller tail but there was only twenty per cent commonality between the two bombers. The B-50 was designed to carry atomic bombs and was intended to serve until the bigger B36 began entering service. The first one flew on 25 June 1947 and they were phased out of service in the mid 1950s.

This model represents 'Lucky Lady II' of the 43rd Bombardment Group, USAF, which made the first non-stop flight around the world between 26 February and 2 March 1949.

Data: Long range strategic bomber. *Engines* four Pratt & Whitney R-4360-35 Wasp Major engines of 2,610kW each. *Wing span* 43.05m. *Length* 30.18m. *Maximum take-off weight* 76,978kg. *Maximum speed* 620km/h. *Combat range* 3,529km. *Crew* 11. *Armament* 12 12.7mm (0.5in) machine guns and up to 9,072kg of bombs..

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