

Lockheed Martin RQ-170

The Lockheed Martin RQ-170 is a secret aeroplane designed in the Lockheed Skunk Works and produced in low numbers. It is a reconnaissance drone, but little more concrete is known about it.

Very little is known about the Lockheed Martin RQ-170 which was designed in the Lockheed Skunk Works. Its designation indicates that it is a reconnaissance drone and its shape is designed for low observability. An estimated 20-30 have been made and they were introduced to service in 2007, initially with the 30th Reconnaissance Squadron. They are based in the United States and have been observed in Afghanistan and South Korea. The US Air Force occasionally released details about this aeroplane but very little about its activities. One, operated by the CIA, was lost over Iran and that country claims to have reverse engineered its own version of this aeroplane.

This model represents a RQ-170 in service with the 30th Reconnaissance Squadron, USAF, in around 2010.

Data: Reconnaissance drone. *Engine* General Electric TF34 turbofan engine of 41kN thrust. *Wing span* 20m approx. *Length* 4.5m. *Endurance* 5 to 6 hours. **Crew** 3 (on the ground).

Matuo Kasuten 1/144 kit. Completed in January 2022



THE LITTLE AVIATION MUSEUM