

Stinson OY-1

The Stinson OY-1 Sentinel was a light observation and utility aeroplane that could fly from small unprepared airstrips under primitive conditions. It was used by United States armed forces during and after World War II.

The Stinson OY was the US Navy version of the USAAF L-5, commonly known as the Sentinel and affectionally as the 'Flying Jeep'. It was a purpose built observation and light liaison aeroplane developed from a pre-war light aeroplane that was produced in two versions. The first had a cabin canopy designed for observation and a later version was fitted with a higher rear fuselage so it could carry freight or stretcher cases.

The prototype first flew on 28 June 1941 and 3590 were produced between December 1941 and September 1945. They served in almost every theatre of World War II and in the Korean War.

This model represents a later version Stinson OY-1 flying with US Marine Corps VMO6 at Okinawa in mid 1945.

Data: *Engine* one Lycoming O-435-1 6 cylinder piston engine of 138kW. *Wing span* 10.36m. *Length* 7.34 *Maximum take-off weight* 930. *Cruising speed* 169km/h. *Range* 604km. *Crew* 2.

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