

Item Summary

Aircraft: Douglas B-23 Dragon

Military Serial Number: 39-0037

Manufacturer Construction Number: 2723

NMUSAF Accession Number: 1982-167

Current Location: National Museum of the United States Air Force, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433

- Note: Aircraft is located on a restricted area of WPAFB and is not publicly accessible.

Historical Information

The B-23 is a twin-engine (R-2600s) bomber developed as a successor to the Douglas B-18 and was first flown in July 1939.

Circa 1939-1945 USAAF medium bomber, later utility cargo aircraft; 1 of 38 built. Although B-23s were never used in combat during World War II, they did serve in secondary roles, such as reconnaissance, training, transport and test-bed aircraft. Some of the Dragons used in transport service were redesignated UC-67s. After the war, all B-23s/UC-67s were declared surplus and many were sold to private operators for use as cargo and executive transports. This airframe has elements of UC-67 utility/cargo interior.

Physical Information

Dimensions:

- Length: 58 feet, 5 inches
- Wingspan: 92 feet, 0 inches
- Height: 18 feet, 6 inches

Weight: 19,089 pounds (empty)

Condition: Displayable with restoration. Images below.

- External: Complete but disassembled; engines installed
- Internal: Incomplete; no internal components and equipment installed



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