

Item Summary

Aircraft: Lockheed C-60A Lodestar

Military Serial Number: 43-16445

Manufacturer Construction Number: 18-2605

NMUSAF Accession Number: 1981-207

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 C-60 Lodestar (US Navy R5O Lodestar) is a twin-engine (R-1820-87s) aircraft based on the Lockheed Model 18 Lodestar. This C-60A served in World War II and was flown to the museum in 1981.

During World War II, the US Army Air Forces and US Navy used the aircraft for training and for transporting personnel and freight. First flown in 1940, the Model 18 was originally designed as a successor to the Lockheed Model 14 and the earlier Model 10 Electra. The Army began ordering military versions of the Model 18 in May 1941. Depending upon engines and interior configuration, these transports were given C-56, C-57, C-59 or C-60 basic type designations. Lockheed built more C-60As for the AAF (325) than any other version of the military Lodestar. After the war, many military Lodestars were declared surplus and sold to private operators for use as cargo or executive transports.

Physical Information

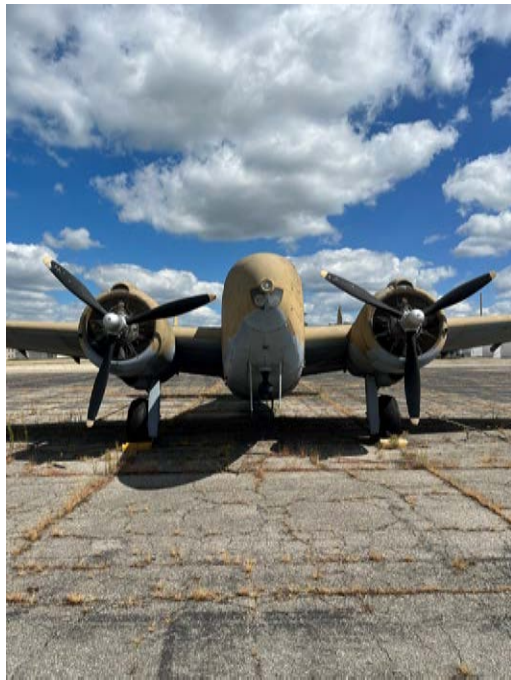
Dimensions:

- Length: 49 feet, 10 inches
- Wingspan: 65 feet, 6 inches
- Height: 11 feet, 10 inches

Weight: 12,500 pounds (empty)

Condition: Displayable with restoration. Images below.

- External: Complete; engines installed
- Internal: Incomplete; minimal internal components and equipment installed



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