

Convair B-36 Peacemaker

Convair B-36 Peacemaker Pilot's Flight Operating Instructions

An Authentic Reprint of the Original U.S. Air Force Handbook

INTRODUCTION

This document serves as a comprehensive guide to the reprinted "Convair B-36 Peacemaker Pilot's Flight Operating Instructions." It provides an overview of the historical aircraft, the content of the original manual, and important details regarding this specific reproduction. This manual is intended for aviation enthusiasts, historians, and modelers seeking detailed operational information on the B-36 Peacemaker.

ABOUT THE CONVAIR B-36 PEACEMAKER

The Convair B-36 "Peacemaker" holds a significant place in aviation history as the largest piston-powered airplane ever mass-produced and the world's first thermonuclear bomber. Its development began during World War II, driven by the need for a very-long-range bomber capable of operating against distant targets. The prototype B-36 first flew in 1946. It was subsequently upgraded to accommodate the large and heavy early fission and later hydrogen bombs. Despite its advanced capabilities, by the time it entered active service in 1949, its unique power-plant configuration of four jet engines and six Wasp radial engines was already considered nearing obsolescence. Nevertheless, nearly 400 B-36s were built and served as crucial strategic deterrents until their retirement in 1959.

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Image: Front cover of the Convair B-36 Peacemaker Pilot's Flight Operating Instructions manual, featuring aircraft imagery and title.

CONTENT OF THE MANUAL

This book is an authentic reprint of the original Flight Operating Handbook issued by the U.S. Air Force. Originally classified as "Restricted," the manual has since been declassified and is now available in this reproduced format. It contains detailed instructions and procedures for pilots operating the Convair B-36 Peacemaker, covering various aspects of flight, systems, and emergency operations as they were understood and practiced during the aircraft's active service period.

The largest piston-powered airplane ever mass-produced, Convair's B-36 "Peacemaker" was also the world's first thermonuclear bomber. The genesis of this behemoth can be traced to WWII, when U.S. planners determined that if the British were defeated, a very-long-range bomber would be needed to battle the Nazis.

The prototype B-36 flew in 1946 and was quickly upgraded as the need for a bomber with a large lifting capacity — the early fission and later hydrogen bombs were both large and heavy — became paramount. Yet, when it entered active service in 1949, the "aluminum overcast" was already considered obsolete due to its four jet, six Wasp radial engine power-plant configuration. Nevertheless, nearly 400 B-36s were built and flew as strategic deterrents before the plane was retired in 1959.

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Image: Back cover of the manual, displaying additional aircraft images, a summary of the B-36's history, and publication details including ISBN 978-1935327875.

USING THIS MANUAL

This reprinted flight operating handbook serves as a valuable historical and technical reference. Readers should approach the content with an understanding that it reflects the operational procedures and technical specifications of the B-36 Peacemaker from its era. It is ideal for:

- **Historical Research:** Gaining insight into Cold War-era aviation and strategic bombing operations.
- **Technical Study:** Understanding the complex systems and pilot procedures of a large, multi-engine bomber.
- **Enthusiast Reference:** Providing authentic details for modelers, simulation pilots, and aviation history buffs.

While comprehensive, this manual is a historical document and should not be used for actual flight operations.

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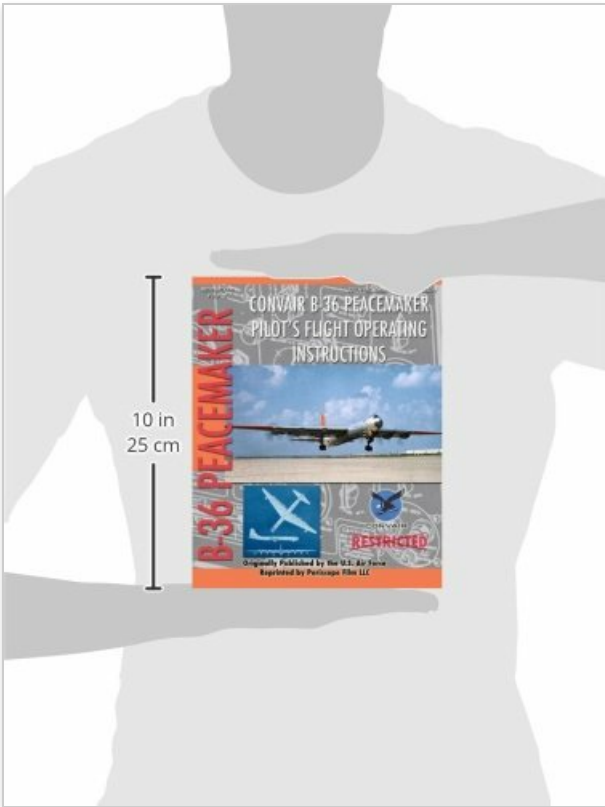


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