Crew -

135ft.

Consolidated B-32 Dominator

1/72 scale resin model kit #AA-2083

Specifications: Wingspan -Length -82ft.1in. 32ft.2in.

Height-4x Wright R-3350-23A Duplex Cyclone radial engine Powerplants -

357 mph Max speed -

10x 0.5 inch machine gun / 20,000 pounds bomb load Load-

In 1939, the USAAF issued requirement for a Super bomber which could operate at high-speed, long-range, more bomb load and more defensive armament than the existing B-17 and B-24. In 1940, the Army issued contracts for preliminary design to four major aircraft companies, which were designated as Boeing XB-29, Lockheed XB-30, Douglas XB-31 and Consolidated XB-32. The XB-29 was chosen as the winner, and the XB-32 was ordered as an insurance against the failure of the B-29. In 1941, the Army's war plan was based on bombing of German industrial target with B-29s and B-32s but both the bombers programs were not ready by delays. The first XB-32 finally made its maiden flight on September 1942. It was similar in overall layout to the twin-finned B-24. Development problems continued until the third XB-32 was fitted with a single vertical tail in early 1944. The first combat mission took place as strike against Japanese supply depot on May 1945. After WWII all the surviving B-32 were ordered to return to U.S. and most of them had been scrapped.

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