

BOEING XB-47D

36" SPAN RUBBER POWERED

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XB-47D 51-2103 flew for the first time on August 26, 1955, with 51-2046 following on February 15, 1956. Although numerous test flights were made without mishap, no further conversions were ordered and the Air Force never pursued its idea of a turbopropowered bomber any further. The maximum speed achieved by the XB-47D during these tests was 597 mph (519 knots) at 13,500 feet, the fastest achieved in level flight by a propeller-driven aircraft.

