

In "the Buff" – the B-52 Stratofortress

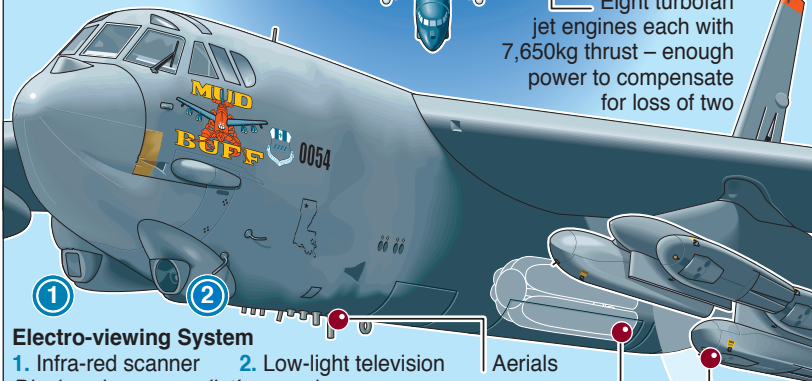
The B-52 was introduced in 1955 and remains America's primary long-range heavy bomber with a fearsome arsenal and worldwide reach

Unit cost: \$30 million
Crew: Five

Wing span: 56m
Length: 48.5m
Weight: 83,250kg (219,615kg max)
Speed: 1,014kph
Altitude: 15,000m
Unrefuelled range: 14,200km



Eight turbofan jet engines each with 7,650kg thrust – enough power to compensate for loss of two



Electro-viewing System

1. Infra-red scanner 2. Low-light television
Displays image on pilot's consoles

Aerials

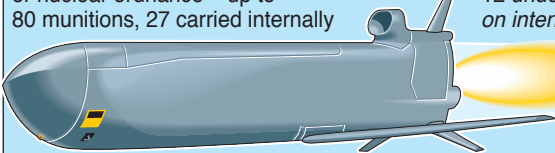
Armaments

31,750kg of conventional, precision-guided or nuclear ordnance – up to 80 munitions, 27 carried internally

AGM-86C

cruise missiles

12 under wings, eight on internal rotary launcher



Sources: USAF, FAS
© GRAPHIC NEWS