



C-47 Skytrain

Manufacturer: Douglas
Designation: C-47
Version:
Name: C-47
Nickname: Skytrain, Dakota (British), Goosey Bird (Its popular nickname)
Type: Transport

Dimensions

Fuselage Length: 63 ft 9 in

Wing Span: 95 ft 6 in

Height: 17 ft 0 in

Weights

Empty Weight: 16,865 lb

Max Takeoff Weight: 25,200 lb

Propulsion

Power plant: Two Pratt & Whitney R-1830-S1 C3G Twin

Wasp radial engines

Horsepower: 1,200 hp each

Performance

Range: 2,125 miles

Cruise Speed: 207 mph

Max. Speed: 230 mph

Ceiling: 24,000 ft.

Armament

none - It was used in Vietnam as a Gunship

For almost thirty years the C-47 was operated as a support aircraft by most ANG flying squadrons, groups, wings, as well as by state headquarters and the National Guard Bureau. It played an important role in enabling the ANG to fulfill its mission. It was assigned to the MNANG's 109th FIS and the 179th FIS. It remained in the 109th inventory until the late 1950s and in the Duluth inventory until the early 1970s. It was a support aircraft, carrying crews and supplies to deployed exercises.

The museum's C-47 was given to museum by the FAA who used it to certify instrument approach equipment and procedures.