

# STANDARD AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTICS

## AD-3 "SKYRAIDER"

DOUGLAS



**MISSION AND DESCRIPTION**

The primary mission of the AD-3 is the destruction of sea and ground targets by dive bombing attacks. The airplane is also capable of torpedo, glide bombing and rocket attacks. The AD-3 is designed to operate from all classes of naval aircraft carriers or from land bases.

The airplane is conventional in design and structure. Landing gear, canopy, slotted flaps, wing folding, and three fuselage dive brakes are hydraulically operated. The pressure-balance type ailerons are operated by power boost. The rudder is equipped with a spring tab system. Longitudinal trim is achieved by an electrically adjustable stabilizer. Elevators and interchangeable power plant are conventional with a monocoque engine mount. Oxygen for five hours is supplied. Bomb displacing gear at the centerline station is powder operated by a standard engine starter cartridge. Twenty gallons of ADI fluid are supplied for injection.

**DIMENSIONS**

WING AREA.....400 sq. ft.  
SPAN.....50' - 0"  
LENGTH.....38' - 2"  
HEIGHT.....15' - 8"  
TREAD.....13' - 11"  
M.A.C.....8' - 4"  
PROP. CLEAR.....6"

**WEIGHTS**

Loadings	Lbs.	L.F.
EMPTY.....	10,812.....	
BASIC.....	11,284.....	
DESIGN.....	15,600..7.0	
COMBAT.....	14,378..7.0	
MAX.T.O..(Cat.)..	19,700..5.5	
(Field).....	23,378*.4.5	
MAX.LD.(Smooth).....	19,000.....	
(Rough).....	16,800.....	
(Arrest.).....	17,000.....	
(Qualif.).....	15,600.....	

\*Tentative

All weights are actual.

**FUEL AND OIL**

Gal.	No. Tanks	Location
380	1	Fuse, S.S.
150	1	Ctr., Drop
300	2	Wing, Drop

FUEL GRADE.....115/145

FUEL SPEC.....AN-F-48

**OIL**

CAPACITY (GALS.).....31  
GRADE.....1120  
SPEC.....AN-O-8

**ELECTRONICS**

RANGE REC.....AN/ARC-5  
HOMING.....AN/ARR-2A  
VHF.....AN/ARC-1  
RADIO ALTIMETER.....AN/APN-1  
IFF.....AN/APX-2A  
SEARCH.....AN/APS-4

**POWER PLANT**

NO. & MODEL....(1) R-3350-26W  
MFR.....Wright  
SUPERCH.....1 Stage, 2 Speed  
PROP. GEAR RATIO.....0.4375  
PROP. MFR.....Aero Prod  
PROP. DES. NO.....M20A-162-0  
NO. BL./DES.....4/13'-6"

**RATINGS**

	Bhp @	Rpm @	Alt.
T. O.	2,700	2,900	S. L.
COMBAT	3,020	2,900	S. L.
	2,570	2,600	8,900'
MIL.	2,700	2,900	3,700'
	2,100	2,600	14,500
NORMAL	2,300	2,600	S. L.
	1,900	2,600	17,100'
SPEC. NO.	N-836		

**ORDNANCE**GUNS

No.	Size	Location	Rds.
2	20 mm	Wing	400

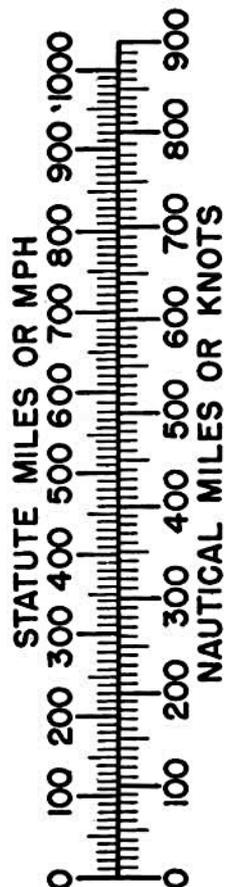
BOMBS & ROCKETS

Type	Size	Location	No.
HVAR	5"	Wing	12
A.R.	11.75"	Wing	2
Torp.	Mk-13	External	3
D.B.	325#	External	3
Bomb	500#	External	3
Bomb	2,000#	External	3
Mine	1,000#	External	3
Mine	2,000#	External	3

FIRE CONTROLS

Sighting Sys.....Mk 1 Mod 2  
Bomb Director.....AN/ASG-10A

MAX. BOMB CAP.....9,000 lbs.



PERFORMANCE SUMMARY				
LOADING CONDITION		(1) ATTACK 1-2000# Bomb 2-150 Gal. Ext. Tanks		(5) ATTACK 1-2000# Bomb AN/APS-4
TAKE-OFF WEIGHT	lbs.	18,515		16,520
Fuel (Fixed/Drop)	lbs.	2,280/1,800		2,280
Bombs	lbs.	2,000		2,000
Wing/Power Loading (A)	lbs/sq.ft;lbs/bhp.	46.3/9.7		41.3/8.7
Stall Speed--Power off	kn.	82.0		77.7
Stall Speed--Power off - No Fuel	kn.	72.6		72.0
Stall Speed--Power on	kn.	77.0		72.8
Maximum Speed/Alt (B)	kn/ft.	272/18,300		279/18,300
Take-off Distance, deck -- calm	ft.	872		668
Take-off Distance, deck 25 kn.	ft.	419		304
Take-off Distance, Airport	ft.			
Rate of climb -- sea level (B)	ft/min.	2,310		2,760
Service Ceiling (B)	ft.	29,900		32,300
Time-to-climb 10,000 ft. (B)	min.	4.7		3.9
Time-to-climb 20,000 ft. (B)	min.	11.5		9.1
Combat Range/V av 15,000	ft. n.mi/kn.	1,515/182		785/174
Combat Radius/V av B-1	ft. n.mi/kn.	730/177		275/176
LOADING CONDITION		(2) COMBAT	(3) COMBAT	(4) COMBAT
GROSS WEIGHT	lbs.	14,378	14,378	14,378
Engine power		Combat	Military	Normal
Fuel	lbs.	2,280	2,280	2,280
Bombs/Tanks				
Max. speed at sea level	kn.	319	298	281
Max. speed/Alt	kn/ft.	324/10,700	318/16,200	315/18,700
Combat speed/Alt	kn/ft.	318/1,500	302/1,500	285/1,500
Rate of climb SL	ft/min.	4,530	4,060	3,450
Ceiling for 500 fpm R/C	ft.	33,900	33,900	33,900
Time-to-climb/Alt.	min/ft.			

**NOTES**

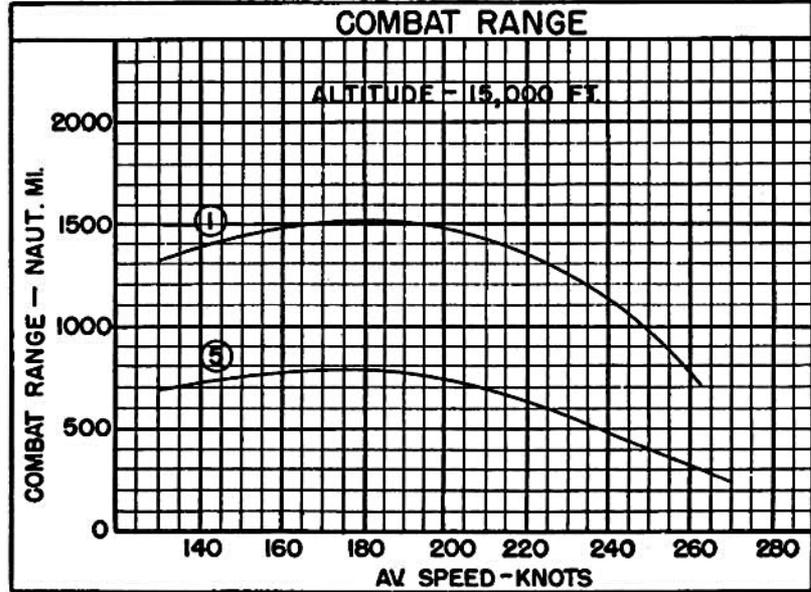
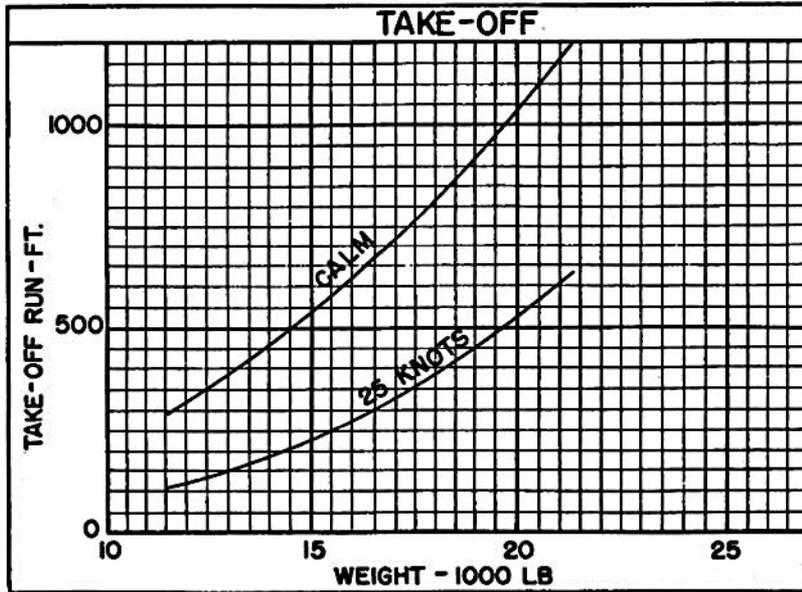
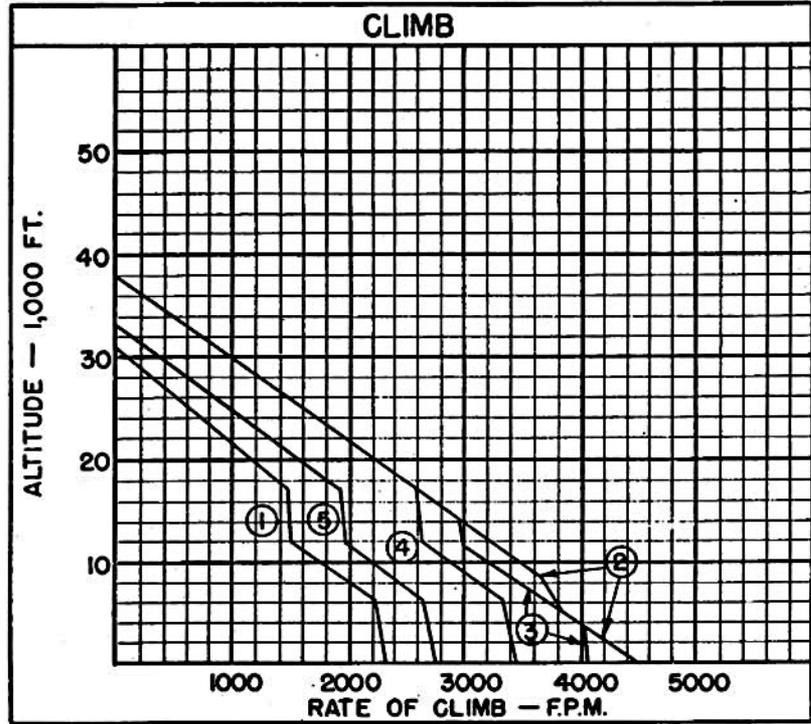
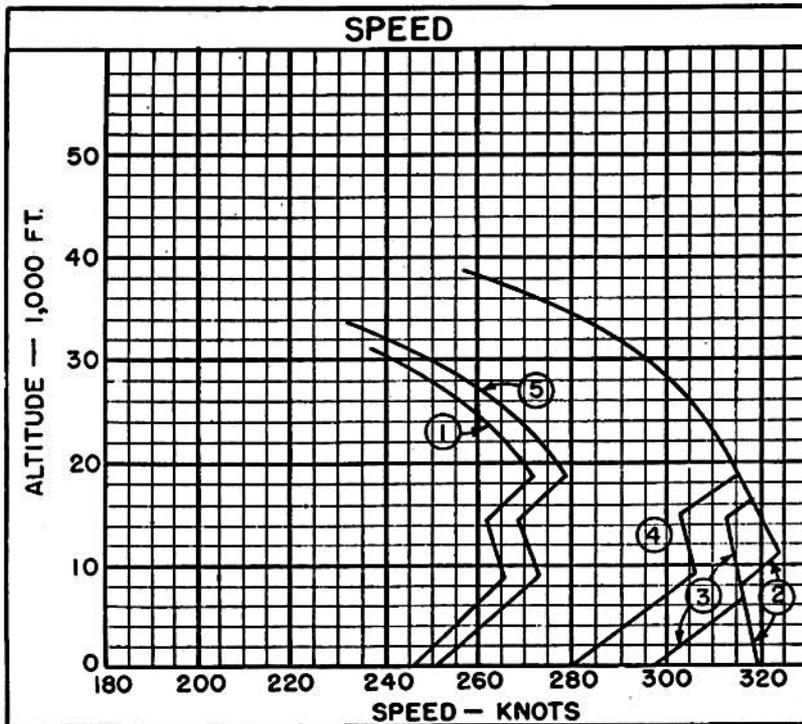
- (A) BHP at Maximum Critical Altitude
- (B) Normal BHP

Performance is based on NATC flight test of AD-1 and AD-1Q.

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 Combat range and radius are based on engine manufacturer's specification fuel consumption data increased 5%.  
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Rocket launchers not aboard. Addition of 12 launchers to Cond. (2) reduces V<sub>max</sub>, S. L. to 312 kn. and V<sub>max</sub>./ACA to 317 kn./10,700 ft. Addition of 12 launchers and 12-5" HVAR increases gross weight of Cond. (2) to 16,102 lbs. and decreases V<sub>max</sub>, S. L. to 293 kn. and V<sub>max</sub>./ACA to 297 kn./10,700 ft.

Standard Aircraft Characteristics NAVAR 13350 (REV. 1-49)



○ LOADING CONDITION COLUMN NUMBER

Standard Aircraft Characteristics NAVALER 1335E (REV. 1-59)

# NOTES

All loadings include 2 Mk-51 wing bomb racks with sway bracing and fuselage bomb ejector with sway bracing.

AN/APS-4 radar is carried on port side wing bomb rack for Condition (5) only.

Twelve 100 lb. bombs or twelve 250 lb. bombs can be carried at Mk-9 rocket launcher positions by replacing launchers with Mc-55 bomb racks.

Twenty gallons of ADI fluid are available for 12 minutes at combat power.

200 ft. length is required to spot 20 planes on the 96 ft. wide deck immediately aft of the forward ramp on the CV-9 class carriers.

## ATTACK COMBAT RADIUS FORMULS NO. B-1

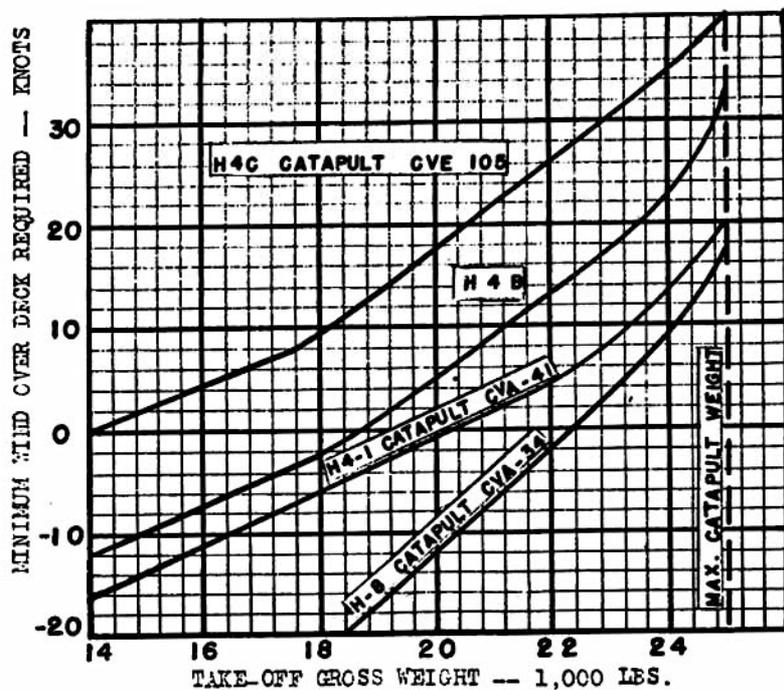
<u>WARM-UP</u> 20 min. ½ Normal RPM TAKE-OFF 1 min. at T.O.Pr.	<u>RENDEZVOUS</u> 20 min. at Sea Level at 60% N. Pr. Normal Mixture	<u>CLIMB</u> to 15000 ft. at Normal Power Normal Mixture	<u>CRUISE-OUT</u> at 15,000 ft. 180 kts. TAS Normal Mixture	<u>DROP TANKS</u> <u>DESCEND</u> to 1,500 ft. <u>DROP BOMBS</u> FIRE ROCKETS	<u>COMBAT</u> 15 min. at 1,500 ft. 5 min. combat and 10 min. N. Pr.	<u>CRUISE-BACK</u> at 1,500 ft. 170 kts. TAS  Normal Mixture	<u>RESERVE</u> 60 min. at V for Max. Range at 1,500 ft. Normal Mixture
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RADIUS = CLIMB / CRUISE-OUT = CRUISE-BACK

Standard Aircraft Characteristics NAVAER 1395F (REV. 1-49)

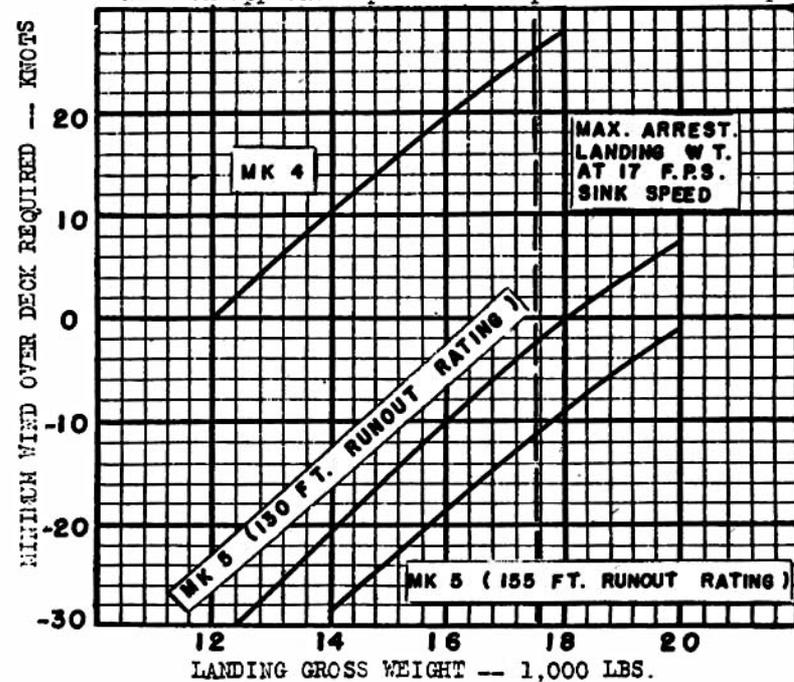
# CARRIER SUITABILITY

MINIMUM WIND OVER DECK REQUIRED FOR CATAPULTING  
VS. GROSS WEIGHT



MINIMUM WIND OVER DECK REQUIRED FOR LANDING  
VS. GROSS WEIGHT

Based on approach speed of 1.2 power-off stall speed



## NOTES

- (A) These curves should be used for planning purposes only. Actual catapult and arresting gear operation should be in accordance with applicable Aircraft Technical Orders, and Catapult and Arresting Gear Bulletins.
- (B) Based on NATC flight test.

NAVAER-1335I (New 5-52)