



TECHNICAL NOTES:

Crew: 11

Engine: Four Pratt & Whitney TF-33-PW-102
turbofans (JT3D) of 18,000 lbs.

Maximum cruising speed: 490 knots

HISTORY & HERITAGE

R A C E S E R I E S

During the 1960s, NASA and the DoD converted eight Boeing C-135s into Apollo/Range Instrumentation Aircraft (A/RIA) to support the Apollo program. Nicknamed “Snoopy Nose” for its distinctive radome, the EC-135N became operational in 1968.

Later renamed the Advanced Range Instrumentation Aircraft (ARIA), the fleet transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB in 1975, then to Edwards AFB in 1994. The final aircraft, Bird of Prey, was retired to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in 2000 after 32 years of space, treaty, and missile test support.

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