



AIR ASSET

P3C ORION



GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Aircraft: P-3C ORION

Length: 35,6 m

Wingspan: 30,4 m

Height: 10,1 m

Empty weight: 34650 kg

Max take-off weight: 64,4 t

Speed: 750km/hr

Endurance: 14 hrs

Drive: 4 turboprop engine

P-3 ORION borns as fighter plane and designed for submarine hunting.

Mostly, it is used for long-range reconnaissance and monitor sea areas closely from the air. Radar, laser range finder and the infrared video-camera combination of type MX-20HD make the large reconnaissance aircraft the "flying eye" of the navy.

The crew consists of at least eleven soldiers. These are pilot and co-pilot, a tactical coordinator and a navigation officer who takes over the radio traffic at the same time. System technicians, on-board mechanics as well as three above and two underwater operators complete the crew.

The Bundeswehr (German Federal Defence Forces) has eight aircraft of this type.

They are based at Naval Aviation Squadron 3 "Graf Zeppelin" in Nordholz, Lower Saxony (Germany).



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