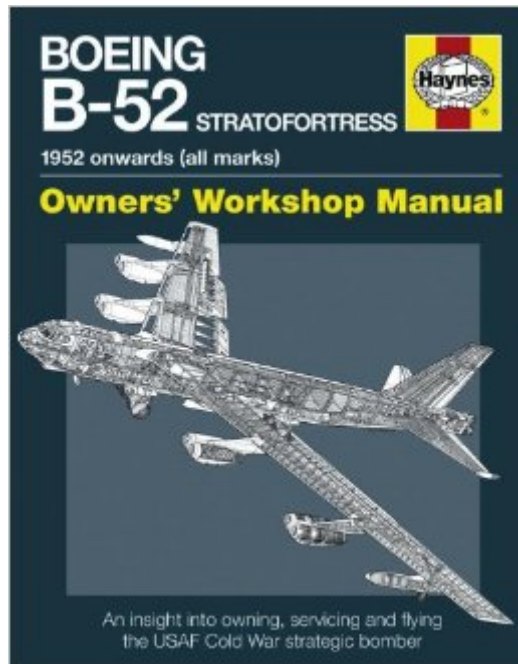


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The eight-engine Boeing B-52 Stratofortress jet was the USA's first long-range, swept-wing heavy bomber. It began life as an intercontinental, high-altitude Cold War nuclear bomber. With each new variant the B-52 increased in range, power and capability, seeing active service in the Vietnam War, both Gulf Wars of 1991 and 2003, and over Afghanistan in 2001. Author Steve Davies recalls its combat history, gets up close to look under the skin of the B-52, and talks to the flight crews and maintainers of this legendary aircraft.

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I'm a 20+ year maintainer on both B-52G and H-models, 1985-2006, at Blytheville/Eaker AFB, Minot AFB, and Diego Garcia during Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM. Since retiring from active duty, I'm now one of the dozen technical experts working at the B-52 System Program Office that are responsible for writing and maintaining all the actual B-52 maintenance manuals. I was appalled at all the errors in this book. The first page I flipped it open to was 56 where the caption for a picture states the aircraft is "148ft wide". Even a quick check of the USAF B-52H Fact Sheet on the publicly available USAF website will tell you it's 185 feet. Page 144 purportedly shows a picture of an avionics technician working on "a B-52's tube-run rendezvous beacon light". The rendezvous beacon certainly isn't a light, it's a radio frequency receiver/transmitter. As a former B-52 Electronic Warfare Systems Technician, I can tell you the section on defensive systems is laughable. Chapter

7: The Maintenance Crew's View presents a great narrative from a crew chief's point of view, but there are many other maintenance specialties that do as much or more maintenance on this aircraft besides the guys that pump gas and kick tires, no disrespect intended to my crew chief buddies. While the book was written about an American bomber and sold in the United States, it isn't written in U.S. English, "tyre" vice "tire" for instance. And just what does "all marks" mean? Must be a British thing, because nobody I know has a clue what that refers to. About the only good things with this book are the pictures (even if some of the captions are woefully inaccurate), and some of the history (even though some of that is way off the mark as well).

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