

# Lindbergh's Record-setting Flight

Lindbergh plotted a "great circle" route across the North Atlantic via Nova Scotia and New Foundland and Ireland, the shortest route to Paris. It was some 473 miles shorter than a straight shot across the ocean imagined on flat projection maps.

**Builder:** Ryan Aircraft Company

**Type:** Modified Ryan M-2

**Registration:** N-X-211

**Engine:** 223 HP Wright J-5C

**Takeoff Weight:** 5,135 pounds

**Length:** 27 feet, 8 inches

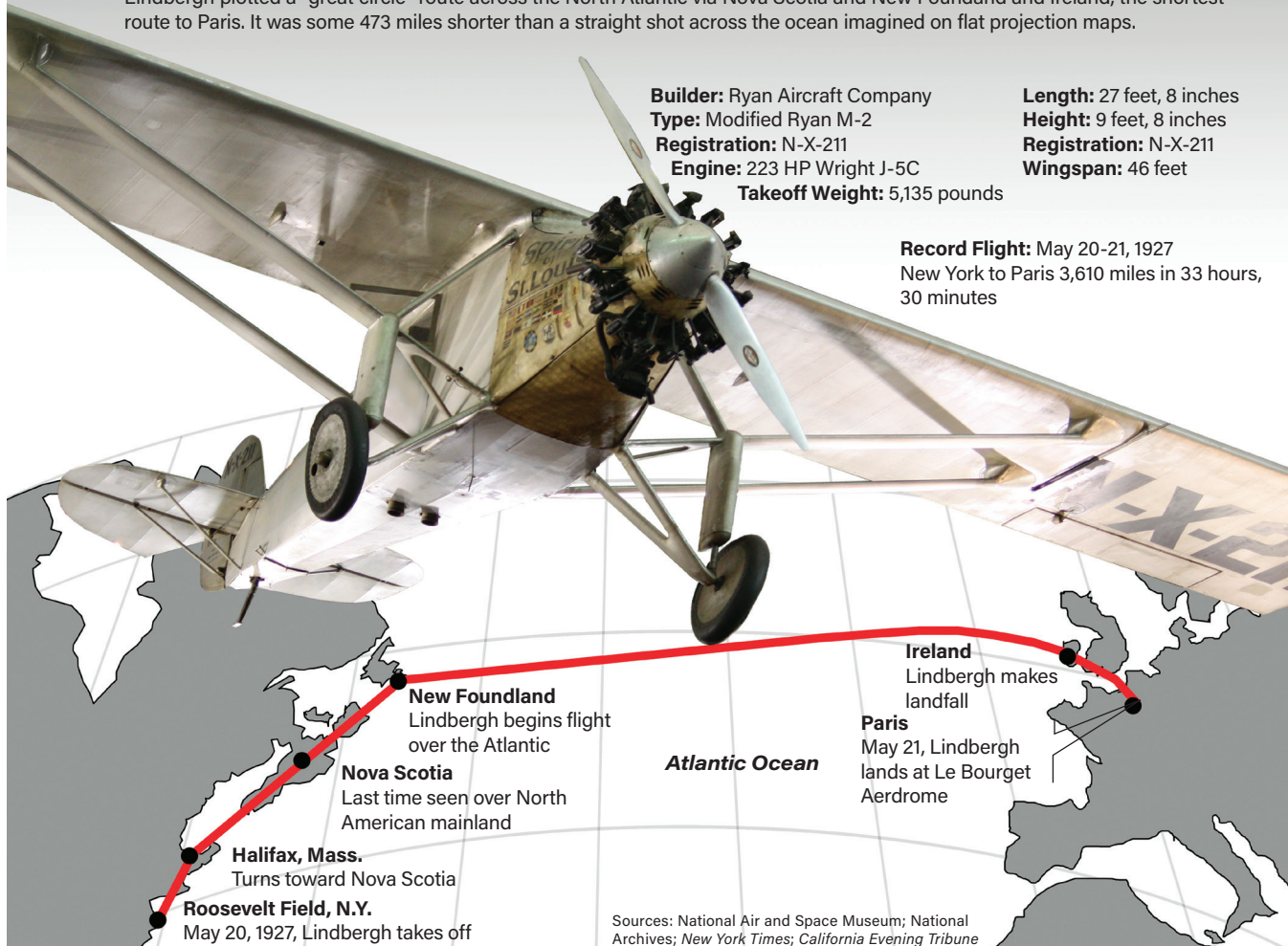
**Height:** 9 feet, 8 inches

**Registration:** N-X-211

**Wingspan:** 46 feet

**Record Flight:** May 20-21, 1927

New York to Paris 3,610 miles in 33 hours,  
30 minutes



**Roosevelt Field, N.Y.**  
May 20, 1927, Lindbergh takes off

**Halifax, Mass.**  
Turns toward Nova Scotia

**Nova Scotia**  
Last time seen over North  
American mainland

**New Foundland**  
Lindbergh begins flight  
over the Atlantic

*Atlantic Ocean*

**Paris**  
May 21, Lindbergh  
lands at Le Bourget  
Aerdrome

**Ireland**  
Lindbergh makes  
landfall

Sources: National Air and Space Museum; National Archives; *New York Times*; *California Evening Tribune*