

CESSNA L-19 BIRD DOG

L-19 SERVICE

Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Co. Inc., Wichita, Kansas, USA
Models: Model 305, 321
Designations: L-19; O-1; OE, CO-119 (CAF)
Names: Bird Dog; Bird Dog II (USMC)

First official flight: Model 305 14/12/1949
L-19A 1950
Factory production period: 1949 – 1963
Primary service period: 1950 – 1960's
Last official flight: O-1E 1974

L-19 VARIANTS

1949	Model 305A	Model 305A	1	Total: 0001
1950	Model 305A	L-19A	2486	
1952	Model 305A	XL-19B	1	
1953	Model 305A	XL-19C	2	
1956	Model 305B	TL-19D	310	Total: 2799
1957	Model 305C / M	L-19E	595	Total: 0595
1955	Model 321	OE-2	25	Total: 0025
				<u>Total: 3420</u>

L-19 PRODUCTION

Model 305A

Prototype, single-engined light aircraft using Cessna 170 wings and Cessna 195 tail.

produced 1949

Cessna Wichita, Kansas

N41694 (*civil reg.*) 601

1 **Total: 0001**

L-19A

Liaison and observation aircraft for US Army / USAF, wing bomb racks.

2420 delivered as L-19A.

66 delivered as L-19AIT, instrument trainers.

produced 1950 – 1954

Cessna Wichita, Kansas (CE)

50-1327 / 50-1744 *mixed 21001 to 21487*

51-4534 / 51-5109 *mixed 21217 to 22014*

- 51-4754 *loaned to RAF.*

51-7286 / 51-7481 22015 / 22225

51-11912 / 51-12911 22226 / 23368

51-16428 / 51-16462	<i>mixed</i> 21759 to 22221	
51-16864 / 51-16973	22652 / 22860	
53-508 / 53-532	22741 / 22955	
53-2873 / 53-2878	22880 / 22885	
<i>- 6 to Chile.</i>		
53-7698 / 7717	23100 / 23119	
53-7968 / 53-8067	23389 / 23488	2486
<i>- 16 to Canada as 16701 / 16716.</i>		

Total: 2486

XL-19B

*As L-19A, turboprop engine upgrade.
produced 1952*

Cessna Wichita, Kansas (CE)

52-1804	22780A	
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1 Total: 0001

XL-19C

*As L-19A, turboprop engine upgrade.
produced 1953*

Cessna Wichita, Kansas (CE)

52-6311, 52-6312	23186C, 23324C	
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2 Total: 0002

TL-19D

*As L-19A, dual-control instrument
trainer, engine upgrade.*

produced 1955 – 1957

Cessna Wichita, Kansas (CE)

55-4649 / 55-4748	23489 / 23588	
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57-2772 / 57-2981	23950 / 24159	
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310 Total: 0310

L-19E

*As L-19A, equipment upgrade,
higher weights. Delivered as
O-1E from 1962.*

produced 1957 – 1959, 1961 – 1963

Cessna Wichita, Kansas (CE)

56-2467 / 56-2696	<i>mixed</i> 23589 to 23878	
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- 2 later to Canada as 16732, 16733.

56-4034 / 56-4038	24601 / 24605	
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- 5 to Canada as 16717 / 16721.

56-4161 / 56-4235	23783 / 23896	
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57-1606 / 57-1609	24606 / 24609	
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- 4 to Canada as 16722 / 16725.

57-5983 / 57-6028	23897 / 23942	
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57-6268 / 57-6277	<i>mixed</i> 23799 to 23949	
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- 2 later to Canada as 16734, 16735.

59-5928, 59-5929	-	
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*- 2 to MAP via US Navy as
BuNo. 148250, 148251.*

61-2955 / 61-3024	<i>mixed</i> 305M-0001 to 0077	
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62-12280 / 12288	<i>mixed</i> 305M-0034 to 0079	
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- 9 to Italy.

63-12741 / 63-12758	305M-0080 / 0097	469
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*- First 4 as O-1C to USMC,
BuNo. 151776 / 151779*

for South Vietnam.

(French Army)	24501 / 24590	
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(French Army)	24700 / 24735	
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126 Total: 0595

OE-2 Bird Dog II

As L-19A, engine upgrade, armament, combat equipment for USMC. Cessna 180 wings / tail, first 25 via USAF.

produced 1955 – 1956

Cessna Wichita, Kansas (CE)

54-1641 / 54-1665 37000 / 37024

25 **Total: 0025**

All delivered as:

BuNo. 140078 / 140102

Total: 3420

L-19 CONVERSIONS

US Army

TL-19A 1+ L-19A, dual-control trainer conversions.

USMC

OE-1 Bird Dog II

62 60 L-19A / 2 L-19E, 1951, aircraft in service with the USMC.
Assigned BuNo. 133782 / 133816, 136887 / 136911,
144663, 144664 – L-19E to US Navy.
1 (144665), additional conversion cancelled.

USAF / US Army / USMC (1962 redesignations)

O-1A 1+ 1962, redesignation of the L-19A.

TO-1A 1+ 1962, redesignation of the TL-19A.

O-1B 62 1962, redesignation of the OE-1.

O-1C 27 1962, redesignation of the OE-2.

TO-1D 1+ 1962, redesignation of the TL-19D.

(O-1D) 1+ TO-1D, 1963-1972, Forward-Air-Controller (FAC) conversions, airframe / equipment upgrade for US Army. All to USAF in 1968.

O-1E 1+ 1962, redesignation of the L-19E.

(Model 305E) O-1F

22 TO-1D, 1963-1972, for FAC, airframe / equipment upgrade for USAF.

(Model 305D) O-1G

1+ O-1A, 1963-1972, for FAC, airframe / equipment upgrade for USAF.
8 to USMC, assigned BuNo. 156678 / 156685.

Foreign Conversions

L-19L 6 Civil Model 182D/F Skylane, 1961, designation for later a Cessna product placed in service with Canada. Also designated as L-182D / F.
Assigned Canadian s/n: 16726 / 16731.

CO-119 23 RCAF L-19A / L-19E / L-19L, 1968-1973, redesignation for newly formed Canadian Armed Forces. Assigned CAF s/n: *mixed* 119702 to 119735.

FOREIGN MILITARY / CIVILIAN SERVICE

- L-19 aircraft in service with the armed forces of Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Laos, Lebanon, Malta, Norway, Pakistan, The Philippines, South Korea, South Vietnam, Spain, Thailand and Turkey.

*- Built under licence by Italy as the **SIAl-Marchetti SM.1019** (1969, 86 built).*

- *Built under licence in Japan by Fuji (1957, 135 built including L-19E-1 (JGSDF) 11201 / 11214 and L-19E-2 (JGSDF) 11361 / 11368).*
- *Many L-19's sold on the civil market as private aircraft and Warbirds etc.*
- *Conversions by Ector Aircraft Co., Texas as the **Ector 305 Mountaineer** (c/n: 2001 / 2055) and **Super Mountaineer** (1980, 42 converted).*