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# Record Breakers

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#### Air speed records

Planes that travel at Mach 3 are fast, yet compared to rockets they are barely moving. Moon rockets hurtle into space at 25,000 mph or Mach 32!

### Schneider Trophy

1913 Deperdussin 46 mph

**1923** Curtiss 177 mph

**1927** S.5 281 mph

**1929** S.6

327 mph 1931 S.6B

340 mph

#### World Speed Records

1913 Deperdussin 127 mph

1923 Curtiss Racer 267 mph

**1927** Macchi M.52 298 mph

**1929** S.6 358 mph

**1931** S.6B 407 mph

**1934** Macchi MC.72 441 mph

1939 He 100V8 464 mph

1939 Me209V1 469 mph

1945 Gloster Meteor 606 mph

1946 Gloster Meteor 616 mph 1946 XP-80R Shooting Star 624 mph

1947 Skystreak 651 mph

1948 F-86A Sabre 671 mph 1953 F-86D Sabre

715 mph 1953 Hawker Hunter

728 mph 1953 Swift

738 mph 1953 F4D Skyray

753 mph **1953** F-100

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822 mph 1956 Fairey FD.2 1.132 mph

1957 F-101 Voodoo 1,208 mph

**1958** F-104A 1,404 mph

1959 Ye-66 1,485 mph

**1959** F-106 1,525 mph

1961 F-4A Phantom 1,606 mph

1967 YF-12A 2,070 mph

1976 SR-71A 2,189 mph

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