

With this in mind, Napier put its money into a fantastic post-war powerplant called the Nomad. If other engine builders accepted complexity, when necessary as a means to an end, Napier seemed almost to embrace it as an end in itself. The Nomad was a two-stroke opposed 12 Diesel turbo-compound with added jet thrust! It was the ultimate example of trying to touch all bases. Its specifications were impressive. Including a component derived from converting its 250 lb (113 kg) of jet thrust to horsepower, the Nomad gave 2248 continuous hp at a specific consumption of 0.33 lb (0.15 kg). Its rated maximum was 3570 hp, which may have included the extra thrust from a jet afterburner that was part of the package (Fig. 11-12).