**Table 1 - Minuteman III**

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| **Specifications** |
| **Primary function:** | Intercontinental ballistic missile  |
| **Contractor:** | Boeing Co.  |
| **Power plant:**  | Three solid-propellant rocket motors; first stage, Thiokol;second stage, Aerojet-General; third stage, United Technologies Chemical Systems Division  |
| **Thrust:** | First stage, 202,600 pounds (91,170 kilograms)  |
| **Length:** | 59.9 feet (18 meters)  |
| **Weight:**  | 79,432 pounds (32,158 kilograms)  |
| **Diameter:** | 5.5 feet (1.67 meters)  |
| **Range:** | 6,000-plus miles (5,218 nautical miles)  |
| **Speed:** | Approximately 15,000 mph (Mach 23 or 24,000 kph) at burnout  |
| **Ceiling:** | 700 miles (1,120 kilometers)  |
| **Guidance systems:** | Inertial system: Autonetics Division of Rockwell International;ground electronic/security system: Sylvania Electronics Systems and Boeing Co.  |
| **Load:** | Re-entry vehicle: General Electric MK 12 or MK 12A  |
| **Warheads:** | Three (downloaded to one as required by the Washington Summit Agreement, June 1992)  |
| **Unit cost:** | $7 million  |
| **Date deployed:** | June 1970, production cessation: December 1978  |
| **Inventory:** | Active force, 530; Reserve, 0; |