



May 20th Tornado, By the Numbers:

Initial damage path began 4.4 miles west of Newcastle and ended .3 miles east of Air Depot Road in OKC. It began at 2:56pm and ended at 3:36pm.

The tornado was 1.3 miles wide at its greatest width and was on the ground for 39 minutes over a 17-mile path.

The storm had wind speeds up to 210mph.

The storm vacillated between EF3 and EF5 strength as it passed through the city limits of Moore.

Damage Intensity:

- Numerous structures in the damage path showed EF5 level damage including:
 - Briarwood Elementary School.
 - Westmoor residential subdivision
 - Neighborhoods east of South Santa Fe Ave.
- EF4 damage occurred at numerous locations including:
 - Plaza Towers Elementary School and surrounding neighborhoods
 - Moore Medical Center and surrounding neighborhoods
 - Highland East Junior High's Gymnasium
 - Homes in the tornado path on the east side of I-35

According to the AP, meteorologists using real-time measurements tracked energy released during the May 20th storm, estimating it at up to 600 times the power of the Hiroshima bomb.

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