

Stagger Around: F-104A Starfighter



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Lockheed F-104A “Starfighter”

Designed as a supersonic air-superiority fighter, the F-104 was produced in two major versions. Armed with a six-barrel M-61 20mm Vulcan cannon, it served as a tactical fighter, and when equipped additionally with heat-seeking Sidewinder missiles, as a day-night interceptor. Development of the F-104 began in 1952, and the first XF-104 made its initial flight in 1954. The Starfighter became the first aircraft to hold simultaneous official world records for speed, altitude, and time-to-climb.

The US Air Force procured about 300 Starfighters in one- and two-seat versions. In addition, more than 1,700 F-104s were built in the United States and abroad under the military aid program for various nations including Canada, West Germany, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Taiwan, and Japan.

S/N: 56-0753

Manufacturer: Lockheed Corp.

Engine: One General Electric J79-GE-3A/3B turbojet; 9,600 lbs thrust

Wingspan: 21' 9" Length: 54' 8"

Height: 13' 5" Crew: 1

Max Weight: 25,840 lbs loaded

Max Speed: 1,037 mph

Max Range: 1,400 miles (w/ drop tanks)

Service Ceiling: 64,795 ft

Armament: One single 20-mm M61A1 cannon; Two AIM-9B Sidewinder air-to-air missiles



Images are of this F-104 on display at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock, Arkansas prior to restoration here at the Hill Aerospace Museum



The Hill Aerospace Museum acquired the aircraft in December 2007 from Camp Joseph T. Robinson, an Army National Guard base in North Little Rock, Arkansas. The F-104 had been on static display there in an airpark for more than 25 years. It was disassembled and trucked cross-country to the museum, where it has now been restored by the help of volunteers and various organizations on base.

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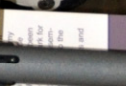
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Lockheed F-104A "Starfighter"

Serial No. 54-1043
Built by Lockheed Corp.
Built at Palmdale, CA
Serial No. 54-1043
Built in 1954
Built for the USAF
Built for the USAF
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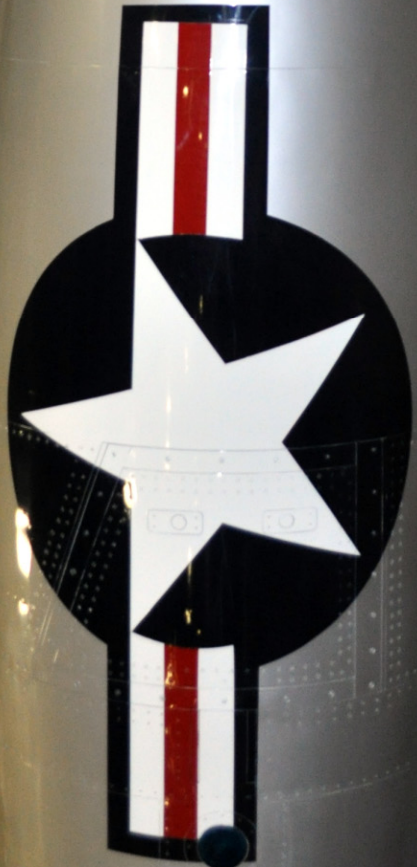
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