

Convair YF2Y-1

The Convair XF2Y-1 Sea Dart was designed as a supersonic seaplane fighter capable of operating from a wide variety of water bases around the world. By the mid 1950s the concept was abandoned and only three Sea Darts flew.

The XF2Y was designed by Convair to give the US Navy a supersonic fighter capable of flying from anywhere around the world at a time when it was unclear that supersonic fighters would be able to fly from aircraft carriers. Design began in 1948 and the first XF2Y made its maiden flight on 9 April 1953. The YF2Y had more powerful engines and could exceed the speed of sound in a gentle dive. The first YF2Y flew in early 1954 but by then the US Navy had lost interest in the project and production orders were cancelled. Only three more YF2Y-1s were constructed but only one flew. The last Sea Dart flight occurred on 26 April 1955.

This model represents a YF2Y-1.

Data: **Data:** experimental single-seat seaplane fighter. *Engine* two 2722kg thrust Westinghouse J46-WE-2 afterburning turbojet engines. *Wing span* 10.26m. *Length* 16.03m. *Maximum take-off weight* 7,495kg. *Maximum speed* 1,118km/h. *Range* 826km. *Armament* none.

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