

# 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.

*Anigrand 1/144 kit. Completed in June 2021.*



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