

General Motors FM-2

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The FM-2 was optimised for escort carriers with a more powerful engine and taller tail fin. They served with the US Navy up until the end of World War II.

This model represent a FM-2 of VC-93 flying from the USS Petrof Bay in 1945.

Data: *Single seat fighter. Engine one Wright R-1820-56 twin row radial piston engine of 1,010kW. Wing span 11.6m. Length 8.8m. Maximum take-off weight 3,970kg. Maximum speed 515km/h. Range 1,337km. Armament four 0.50 machine guns and two 110kg bombs or six rockets. Crew one.*

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