

Republic F-84F

The F-84 was Republic's first venture into jet powered fighters following its very successful P-47 Thunderbolt. Although it was overshadowed as a fighter it was an excellent fighter-bomber and over 2700 F-84Fs were manufactured.

Republic began development of the F-84 in March 1945 and the first prototype flew on 28 February 1946. The first F-84s with straight wings flew during the Korean war and also with NATO air forces. A swept wing version was introduced and made its first flight on 3 June 1950. Its performance was disappointing but, powered with a US version of the Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire engine, it also proved successful. In addition to those flown by the USAF, over a thousand were supplied to NATO forces in Europe where the last ones were withdrawn from service in 1991.

This model represents a F-84F of the Armee de l'Air, Escadron de Chasse 2/4 at Bremgarten in December 1957.

Data: single seat fighter-bomber. *Engine* one Wright J65-W-5 turbojet of 5324kg thrust. *Wing span* 10.24m. *Length* 13.23m. *Maximum take-off weight* 12,701kg. *Maximum speed* 1118km/h. *Range* 1304km. *Armament* four 12.7mm (0.5in) machine guns plus up to 2722kg (6000lbs) of external stores. *Crew* 1.

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