

Vought A-7A

The Vought A-7 was a single seat attack fighter designed for the US Navy in the 1960s. They were very popular and flew with other services including the US Air Force and the Greek and Portuguese air forces.

The Vought A-7 was developed during the early 1960s to replace earlier US Navy attack fighters. It's design was derived from the Vought F-8 supersonic fighter but it was smaller, subsonic and cheaper to produce. It was quickly developed with the initial contract being issued in February 1964 and the first one flying on 26 September 1965 with them entering service with the US Navy in February 1967. They proved very popular, 1,545 were manufactured and flew with other air forces. They served in several wars and remained in service until the 1990s.

This model represents a Vought A-7A flying with the US Navy's VA-153 circa 1970.

Data: Attack fighter *Engine* one Pratt & Whitney TF30-P-6 turbofan engine of 50.47kN thrust. *Wing span* 11.8m. *Length* 14.06m. *Gross weight* 14,512kg. *Maximum speed* 1,100km/h. *Range* 1,981km. *Armament* two 20mm cannon and up to 6,800 kg of bombs or other equipment. *Crew* one

Hobby Boss 1:72 kit with *Microscale* decals. Completed in December 2021.



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