

# Douglas A4D-1

**The Douglas A4D (later redesignated the A-4) was a light attack fighter developed for the US Navy in the 1950s. It was very popular, served with a number of air forces and eventually 2,960 were manufactured.**

The Douglas A4D was designed at the beginning of the 1950s to give the US Navy a jet powered attack aircraft. It was designed to have a minimum size, weight and complexity but high performance and the prototype set the world speed record of 1,119km/h in October 1955.

The first version, the A4D-1 (later redesignated the A-4A) first flew on 14 August 1954 and 165 were delivered before production switched to later versions in 1957. They began entering service with the US Navy in October 1957 and they eventually served with 18 Navy and Marine Corps Squadrons

This model represents an A4D-1 of VA-93 'Blue Blazers' aboard the USS Ticonderoga in November 1957

**Data:** *Engine* one Wright J-65-W-4 Turbojet of 34,000kN. *Wing span* 8.38m. *Length* 12.23m. *Maximum take-off weight* 9,031kg. *Maximum speed* 1089km/h. *Range* 2,397. *Armament* four 20mm cannon and 5000g of underwing stores.  
*Airfix 1/72 kit with CtA decals. Completed in February 2022.*



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