

Grumman F9F-8

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Between 1957 and 1959 the F9F-8 was flown by the US Navy's 'Blue Angels' demonstration team.

This model represents 131205 flying with the Blue Angles c.1958.

Data: *Engine* one Pratt & Whitney J-48-PA turbojet engine of 3288kg thrust. *Wing span* 10.51m. *Length* 13.54m. *Gross weight* 11,232kg. *Maximum level speed* 1134km/h. *Range* 965miles. *Armament* four 20mm cannon plus four AIM-9 missiles or 907kg of ordnance. *Crew:* one

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