

# Northrop F-89D

**The Northrop F-89 ‘Scorpion’ was an all-weather interceptor designed and built for the US Air Force. It’s role was to intercept and destroy Soviet bombers and the main version, the F-89D, was armed with small rockets to do this.**

The Northrop F-89 was one of the first jet powered fighters to enter service with the US Air Force. Initial planning began in 1945 to create an all-weather interceptor and went through a series of redesigns until the prototype first flew on 19 August 1948. They began entering service in 1950..

A total of 1,052 F-89s were built. The earliest versions were armed with six 20mm cannon but with the F-89D this was replaced with an armament of 104 small unguided rockets. They remained in service until 1969. This model represents a F-89D of the 74<sup>th</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron, US Air Force, in 1956

**Data:** Interceptor. *Engine* two Allison J35-A-35 afterburning turbojet engines of 24.2kN thrust each dry and 32kN with afterburner. *Wing span* 18.20m. *Length* 16,39m. *Maximum speed* 1038km/h. *Maximum take off weight* 19,160kg. *Range* 2,198km. *Armament*, 104 70mm ‘Mighty Mouse’ aerial rockets. *Crew* 2..

*Hobbycraft* 1.72 kit completed by Leigh Edmonds in August 2025.



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