

Vought F4U-4

The Vought F4U Corsair was one of the most powerful aircraft to see service flying from aircraft carriers during World War II. They were very useful and successful so they continued in service with several air force well after that war.

The Vought F4U-4 was an improved version of earlier F4Us with a more powerful engine, a four blade propeller and other improvements to increase its performance. It also had an improved windscreen to remove the optical distortion of earlier versions. The first production F4U-4 flew in September 1944 and they arrived at the war front in June 1945.

This model represents F4U-4 BuNo 80879, 'White 13' of VMF-222 at Okinawa in June 1945. It was flown by Captain K A Walsh (22 kills) who earlier flew with VMF-124 in the Solomon Islands campaigns during 1943.

Data: *Single seat fighter. Engine one Pratt & Whitney R-2800-18W 18 cylinder twin row air cooled radial engine of 1565kW. Wing span 12.47m. Length 10.15m. Gross weight 6654kg. Maximum speed 718km/h. Range 1633km. Armament six 12.7mm machine guns and up to 1814lb of underwing weapons. Crew one.*

Hasegawa 1/48 kit with Eduard aftermarket seat belts painted in Model Master matt and glossed Sea Blue enamels completed by Wayne.



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