



The A4D Skyhawk is a single-seat, low-wing, jet attack bomber. An outstanding recognition feature is its small size; it claims the distinction of being the only contemporary U.S. carrier-based aircraft compact enough not to require folding wings. Other recognition features include the short, stubby delta wing; the large, triangular vertical fin; and the sharply tapered, short needle nose. The A4D is capable of carrying atom bombs, rockets, and missiles, in addition to other, conventional weapons. Its suitability for carrier use is enhanced by the fact that it has the lowest approach and stalling speed of any combat jet aircraft now being built. On October 15, 1955, a Skyhawk set a world speed record of 695.163 m.p.h. over a 500-kilometer closed course.

AIR FRAME		OPERATIONAL DATA		POWER PLANT	
Mfr.	DOUGLAS	Max. Range (Naut. Miles)	1,300 plus	No. of Engines	1
Wing Span	27'	Crew No.	1	Model No.	J65-W-4
Length	39'	Max. Speed (Knots)	590	Mfr.	WRIGHT
Combat Weight (Lbs.)	12,000	Service Ceiling (Ft.)	40,000 plus	Type	Turbojet
				Rating Each	7,700#

