



The F9F-6 through-8 Cougar is a sweptwing development of the F9F Panther with all-around increased performance capabilities. Its horizontal stabilizer is swept back and the jet duct entrances have been modified. The over-all appearance of the Cougar features the broad center-section wing, with its giant fillets. The latest version of the Cougar, the F9F-8, has greater speed and range than do the -6 and -7. It was the first sweptwing jet fighter to enter operational service with carrier squadrons and saw extensive service with the Navy's precision flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels. The F9F-8P is a photographic reconnaissance version of the Cougar with a lengthened forward fuselage. It can fly nonstop across the United States in less than 4 hours, and can photograph a 10-mile-wide strip of the terrain below. The F9F-8T is a 2-seat fighter-trainer version of the Cougar.

DATA APPLY TO F9F-8

AIR FRAME		OPERATIONAL DATA		POWER PLANT	
Mfr.	GRUMMAN	Max. Range (Naut.Miles)	1,100 plus	No. of Engines	1
Wing Span	34'6"	Crew No.	1	Model No.	J48-P-8
Length	41'	Max. Speed (Knots)	575	Mfr.	P & W
Combat Weight (Lbs.)	17,000	Service Ceiling (Fr.)	42,000	Type	Turbojet
				Rating Each	7,250#

