



The Panther is a carrier-based, single-seat, jet fighter that has undergone a number of modifications, most of which have been slight. A recognition difference, however, is the higher, more pointed vertical fin and rudder of the later F9F-4 and -5 modifications. The Panther was the first jet produced by Grumman and has very few of the familiar Grumman recognition characteristics. A droop-snoot wing is incorporated to improve landing and take-off characteristics, and a removable nose section permits rapid changes of armament and electronic or camera equipment to suit the type of mission. The tip tanks are not droppable in flight, although in an emergency fuel can be jettisoned by means of pressurized air. Nose-mounted cannon, 500-lb bombs, and rockets are included in the armament capabilities of the Panther.

DATA APPLY TO F9F-5

AIR FRAME		OPERATIONAL DATA		POWER PLANT	
Mfr.	GRUMMAN	Max. Range (Naut. Miles)	1,100 plus	No. of Engines	1
Wing Span	38'	Crew No.	1	Model No.	J-48-P-6
Length	38'10"	Max. Speed (Knots)	520 plus	Mfr.	P & W
Combat Weight (Lbs.)	15,000 plus	Service Ceiling (Fr.)	42,000 plus	Type	Turbojet
				Rating Each	6,250# plus

