

GRUMMAN F9F PANTHER / COUGAR

PANTHER / COUGAR SERVICE

Manufacturer: The Grumman Aircraft Engr. Corp., Bethpage, Long Is.,
New York, USA

Models: G-75, G-79, G-93, G-94, G-99, G-100, G-105

Designations: F9F; F-9

Names: Panther, Cougar

First official flight: XF9F-2 Panther 21/11/1947

XF9F-6 Cougar 20/09/1951

Factory production period: 1947 – 1960

Primary service period: 1949 – 1960

Last official flight: TF-9J 02/1974

PANTHER / COUGAR VARIANTS

F9F Panther

1947	Model G-79	XF9F-2	2	
1948	Model G-79	F9F-2	567	Total: 0569
1948	Model G-79	XF9F-3	1	
1948	Model G-79	F9F-3	54	Total: 0055
1950	Model G-79	F9F-5	725	
1951	Model G-79	F9F-5P	36	Total: 0761
				<u>Total: 1385</u>

F9F Cougar

1951	Model G-93	XF9F-6	3	
1951	Model G-93	F9F-6	646	
1954	Model G-93	F9F-6P	60	Total: 0709
1953	Model G-93	F9F-7	168	Total: 0168
1954	Model G-99	F9F-8	601	
1955	Model G-99	F9F-8P	110	
1956	Model G-105	YF9F-8T	1	
1956	Model G-105	F9F-8T	399	Total: 1111
				<u>Total: 1988</u>

Grand Total: 3373

PANTHER / COUGAR PRODUCTION

F9F Panther

(Model G-75) XF9F-1 – 1946, proposed four-engined jet fighter, project only.

XF9F-2

*Prototype single-engined, straight wing,
carrier-based, jet fighter.
produced 1947*

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)
BuNo. 122475, 122477 -

2 **Total: 0002**

F9F-2

*As XF9F-2, engine upgrade, minor
changes. 54 also converted from **F9F-3**.
produced 1948 – 1950*

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)
BuNo. 122563, 122567 -
BuNo. 122569, 122570 -
BuNo. 122572 -
BuNo. 122586 / 122589 -
BuNo. 123016 / 123019 -
BuNo. 123044 / 123067 -
BuNo. 123077 / 123086 -
BuNo. 123397 / 123713 -
BuNo. 125083 / 125155 -
BuNo. 127086 / 127215 -

567 **Total: 0567**

27 additional airframes cancelled.

XF9F-3

*As XF9F-2, engine upgrade.
produced 1948*

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)
BuNo. 122476 -

1 **Total: 0001**

F9F-3

*As XF9F-3, all later retrofitted to
F9F-2 standard.*

produced 1948 – 1949

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)
BuNo. 122560 / 122562 -
BuNo. 122564 / 122566 -
BuNo. 122568, 122571 -
BuNo. 122573 / 122585 -
BuNo. 123020 / 123043 -
BuNo. 123068 / 123076 -

54 **Total: 0054**

1 additional airframe cancelled.

F9F-5

*As XF5F-5, longer rear fuselage,
taller tail, further engine upgrade.*

produced 1950 – 1953

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)
BuNo. 125080 / 125082 -
BuNo. 125156 / 125313 -

BuNo. 125414 / 125443	-		
<i>- Originally ordered as BuNo. 125447 / 125476.</i>			
BuNo. 125489 / 125499	-		
BuNo. 125533 / 125648	-		
BuNo. 125893 / 126256	-		
BuNo. 126627 / 126669	-	725	Total: 0725

F9F-5P

*As F9F-5, photo reconn. version,
longer nose.*

produced 1951

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)

BuNo. 125314 / 125321	-		
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BuNo. 126265 / 126290	-		
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BuNo. 127471, 127472	-	36	Total: 0036
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Total: 1385

F9F Cougar

XF9F-6

*As F9F-5, prototype with swept wing design,
last aircraft as static test airframe.*

produced 1951

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)

BuNo. 126670 / 126672	-	3	Total: 0003
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F9F-6

*As XF9F-6, engine upgrade, minor changes.
produced 1951 – 1954*

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)

BuNo. 126257 / 126264	-		
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BuNo. 127216 / 127470	-		
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BuNo. 128055 / 128294	-		
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BuNo. 130920 / 131062	-	646	Total: 0646
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189 additional airframes cancelled.

F9F-6P

*As F9F-6, photo reconn. version,
longer nose.*

produced 1954 – 1955

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)

BuNo. 127473 / 127492	-		
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BuNo. 128295 / 128310	-		
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BuNo. 131252 / 131255	-		
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BuNo. 134446 / 134465	-	60	Total: 0060
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F9F-7

*As F9F-6, engine upgrade. Most
later retrofitted to F9F-6 standard.*

produced 1953 – 1954

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)

BuNo. 130752 / 130919	-	168	Total: 0168
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F9F-8

*As F9F-6, longer center fuselage,
engine upgrade, minor changes.
produced 1953 – 1957*

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)

BuNo. 131063 / 131251 -

BuNo. 134234 / 134244 -

BuNo. 138823 / 138898 -

BuNo. 141030 / 141229 -

BuNo. 141648 / 141666 -

BuNo. 144271 / 144376 -

601 **Total: 0601**

F9F-8P

*As F9F-8, photo reconn. version,
longer nose.*

produced 1955 – 1957

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)

BuNo. 141668 / 141727 -

BuNo. 144377 / 144426 -

110 **Total: 0110**

YF9F-8T

*As F9F-8, prototype two-seater trainer.
produced 1955 – 1956*

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)

BuNo. 141667 -

1 **Total: 0001**

F9F-8T

As YF9F-8T, two-seater trainers.

produced 1956 – 1960

Grumman Bethpage, New York (F)

BuNo. 142437 / 142532 -

BuNo. 142954 / 143012 -

BuNo. 146342 / 146425 -

BuNo. 147270 / 147429 -

399 **Total: 0399**

F9F-9 – 1954, original designation for the Grumman (Model G-98)

F11F-1 Tiger, 201 built, redesignated as F-11A in 1962.

Model G-100 – Proposed F9F-9 development, cancelled.

Total: 1988

PANTHER / COUGAR CONVERSIONS

F9F Panther

US Navy

F9F-2B 1+ F9F-2, six underwing stores pylons.

F9F-2D 1+ F9F-2, drone director conversions.

F9F-2KD 1+ F9F-2, radio controlled target drone conversions.

F9F-2P 1+ F9F-2, photo reconnaissance conversions.

XF9F-4 2 F9F-2(123084, 123086), 1950, prototype with engine upgrade.
109 ordered as **F9F-4**, completed as F9F-5.

XF9F-5 1 F9F-2(123085), 1949, prototype with engine upgrade.

F9F-5K 1+ F9F-5, target drone conversions.

F9F-5KD 1+ F9F-5, radio controlled target drone conversions.

F9F Cougar

US Navy

F9F-6D	1+	F9F-6, drone director conversions.
F9F-6K	1+	F9F-6, target drone conversions.
(F9F-6K2)	1+	F9F-6K, upgraded target drones.
F9F-6PD	2	F9F-6P, drone director conversions.
YF9F-8B	1	F9F-8, prototype close air support conversion.
F9F-8B	1+	F9F-8, close air support conversions.
Model 94A	2	F9F-7(130862, 130863), 1955, prototypes for carrier landing system.

US Navy (1962 redesignations)

DF-9E	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-5KD.
F-9F	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-6.
DF-9F	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-6D.
QF-9F	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-6K.
RF-9F	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-6P.
QF-9G	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-6K2.
F-9H	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-7.
F-9J	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-8.
(QF-9J)	1+	F-9J, radio controlled target drone conversions.
YAF-9J	1+	1962, redesignation of the YF9F-8B.
AF-9J	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-8B.
(TAF-9J)	1+	AF-9J, trainer conversions.
RF-9J	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-8P.
YTF-9J	1+	1962, redesignation of the YF9F-8T.
TF-9J	1+	1962, redesignation of the F9F-8T.
(NTF-9J)	2	TF-9J, permanent conversions for test duties.

FOREIGN MILITARY SERVICE

- Panthers and Cougars in military service with Argentina.