

NORTH AMERICAN A3J VIGILANTE

VIGILANTE SERVICE

Manufacturer: North American Aviation Inc., Inglewood, California, USA
(In 1967, became North American Rockwell Corp.,
El Segundo, California, USA)
Models: NA-247, NA-263, NA-269, NA-279, NA-283, NA-296, NA-316
Designations: A3J; A-5
Name: Vigilante

First official flight: XA3J-1 31/08/1958
Factory production period: 1957 – 1970
Primary service period: 1961 – 1974
Last official flight: RA-5C 20/11/1979

VIGILANTE VARIANTS

1958	NA-247	YA3J-1	2	
1960	NA-247/-263/-269	A3J-1	57	Total: 059
1962	NA-269	A3J-2	18	
1962	NA-279/-283/-316	A3J-3P	79	Total: 097
				<u>Total: 156</u>

VIGILANTE PRODUCTION

YA3J-1

*Prototype twin engined naval nuclear strike aircraft.
Original designation was XA3J-1.
Redesignated as YA-5A in 1962.
produced 1957 – 1958*

North American Columbus, Ohio (J)

BuNo. 145157, 145158	247-1, 2	2	Total: 002
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A3J-1

*As YA3J-1, engine upgrade, minor changes.
Redesignated as A-5A in 1962.
produced 1959 – 1963*

North American Columbus, Ohio (J)

BuNo. 146694 / 146702	247-3 / 11		
BuNo. 147850 / 147863	263-1 / 14		
BuNo. 148924 / 148933	269-1 / 10		
BuNo. 149276 / 149299	269-11 / 34	57	Total: 057

6 additional airframes cancelled.

A3J-2

*As A3J-1, redesigned fuselage,
various improvements.*

*2 delivered as **A3J-2 (A-5B)**, later to **RA-5C**.*

*4 delivered as **YA-5C**, later to **RA-5C**.*

*12 delivered as **RA-5C**.*

produced 1961 – 1962

North American Columbus, Ohio (J)

BuNo. 149300 / 149317	269-35 / 52	18	Total: 018
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A3J-3P

*As A3J-2, photo reconn. version,
later aircraft had engine upgrade.*

*Redesignated as **RA-5C** in 1962.*

produced 1962 – 1970

North American Columbus, Ohio (J)

BuNo. 150823 / 150842	279-1 / 20		
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BuNo. 151615 / 151634	283-21 / 40		
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BuNo. 151726 / 151728	283-41 / 43		
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BuNo. 156608 / 156643	316-1 / 36	79	Total: 079
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18 additional airframes cancelled.

Total: 156

VIGILANTE CONVERSIONS

US Navy

(NA-296) RA-5C

43	1 YA-5A / 42 A-5A, 1964-1979, upgrades to RA-5C reconnaissance standard. 27 assigned new NAA c/n: 296-44 / 70.
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