

## B-25J Mitchell – Manufacturer’s Serial Number Conundrum

There has been a long running mystery surrounding the assignment of Constructor’s Numbers assigned to the Kansas City built North American B-25J Mitchell. The following is a list of c/n numbers assigned to the B-25J and other North American Aviation, Inc. production types.

It appears there was a duplication with the Inglewood XP-51J prototypes and two B-25J airframes at Kansas as listed below. It is thought that the XP-51J could actually be c/n: 47444 & 47445, but no evidence has yet emerged that this was the case.

The B-25J Andrade numbers refer to John M. Andrade’s 1979 USAF serials book. It is now widely believed that these are incorrect and the B-25J numbers in the main c/n column are actually the correct assignments.

Type	NA-	NAA c/n	USAAF s/n	Remarks
<b>B-25J</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>24196 / 24430</b>	<b>43-3870 / 43-4104</b>	<b>Correct</b>
P-51B	104	24431 / 24540	43-6803 / 43-6912	
P-51B	102	24541 / 24940	43-12093 / 43-12492	
P-51B	104	24941 / 25140	43-6913 / 43-7112	
P-51B	104	25141 / 25230	43-7113 / 43-7202	
P-51B	104	25231 / 25340	42-106429 / 42-106538	
XP-51D	106	25341, 25342	42-106539, 42-106540	
P-51B	104	25343 / 25540	42-106541 / 42-106738	
P-51B	104	25541 / 25780	42-106739 / 42-106978	
P-51B	104	25781 / 25930	43-24752 / 43-24901	
XP-51G	105	25931, 25932	43-43335, 43-43336	
P-51C	103	25933 / 26532	42-103379 / 42-103978	
P-51C	103	26533 / 26882	43-24902 / 43-25251	
XP-51F	105	26883 / 26885	43-43332 / 43-43334	
P-51D	109	26886 / 28885	44-13253 / 44-15252	
P-51C	111	28886 / 29285	44-10753 / 44-11152	
P-51D	111	29286 / 29485	44-11153 / 44-11352	
P-51M	111	29486 / 30885	44-11353 / 44-12752	
P-51D	122	30886 / 31885	44-63160 / 44-64159	
P-51D	122	31886 / 31985	44-72027 / 44-72126	
<b>B-25J</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>31986 / 34385</b>	<b>44-28711 / 44-31110</b>	<b>Andrade 108-33036 / 35435</b>
P-51D	110	34386 / 34485	-	100 airframe kits for Australia.
<b>B-25J</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>34486 / 35235</b>	<b>43-27473 / 43-28222</b>	<b>Andrade 108-31986 / 32735</b>
<b>B-25J</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>35236 / 35535</b>	<b>43-35946 / 43-36245</b>	<b>Andrade 108-32736 / 33035</b>
P-51D	109	35536 / 36035	44-15253 / 44-15752	
P-51M	111	36036 / 36135	44-12753 / 44-12852	
P-51D	111	36136 / 36535	44-12853 / 44-13252	
B-24J	95	36536 / 36751	44-28061 / 44-28276	
B-24J	-	36752 / 37185	-	434 cancelled.
<b>B-25J</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>37186 / 37585</b>	<b>44-31111 / 44-31510</b>	<b>Andrade 108-35436 / 35535 &amp; Andrade 108-37186 / 37485</b>
P-51H	126	37586 / 38140	44-64160 / 44-64714	
P-82E	144	38141 / 38240	46-255 / 46-354	
P-82G	150	38241 / 38290	46-355 / 46-404	
P-82F	149	38291 / 38390	46-405 / 46-504	
-	-	38391 / 38393	-	3 cancelled?
FJ-1	141	38394 / 38423	BuNo. 120342 / 120371	
XP-86	140	38424 / 38426	45-59597 / 45-59599	
-	-	38427, 38428	BuNo. 121449, 121450	Type: XSN2J-1.
-	-	38429 / 38431	-	3 cancelled?
P-86A	151	38432 / 38464	47-605 / 47-637	
-	-	38465 / 38476	-	12 cancelled?

B-45C	153	38477 / 38486	48-001 / 48-010	
RB-45C	153	38487 / 38519	48-011 / 48-043	
-	-	38520 / 38585	-	66 cancelled contract?
P-51D	122	38586 / 40085	44-72127 / 44-73626	
NA-119	119	40086 / 40104	(USAAF) 1376 / 1394	Sub-Assemblies.
NA-119	119	40105 / 40166	(USAAF) 1531 / 1592	Sub-Assemblies.
P-51D	122	40167 / 41566	44-73627 / 44-75026	
AT-6D	121	41567 / 42366	44-80845 / 44-81644	
AT-6F	121	42367 / 43322	44-81645 / 44-82600	
-	-	43323 / 43400	-	78 likely cancelled contracts.
B-45A	147	43401 / 43497	47-001 / 47-097	
P-86A	151	43498 / 43685	48-129 / 48-316	
-	-	43686 / 43741	-	56 likely cancelled contracts.
XP-82	120	43742, 43743	44-83886, 44-83887	
XP-82A	120	43744	44-83888	
XP-82A-		43745	-	1 cancelled.
P-82B	123	43746 / 43765	44-65160 / 44-65179	
-	-	43766 / 44245	-	480 likely cancelled contracts.
P-51D	124	44246 / 44845	44-84390 / 44-84989	
-	-	44846 / 47445	-	2600 likely cancelled contracts.
<b>XP-51J</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>47446, 47447</b>	<b>44-76027, 44-76028</b>	<b>Duplicated with B-25J.</b>
<b>B-25J</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>47446 / 47651</b>	<b>44-86692 / 44-86897</b>	<b>Andrade 108-37486 / 37585 &amp;</b>
				<b>Andrade 108-47446 / 47545 &amp;</b>
				<b>Andrade 108-47546 / 47551</b>
<b>B-25J</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>47652 / 47750</b>	<b>45-8801 / 45-8899</b>	<b>Andrade 108-47552 / 47650</b>

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