

McDONNELL F2H BANSHEE

BANSHEE SERVICE

Manufacturer: McDonnell Aircraft Corp., St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Model: -

Designations: F2H; F2D, F-2

Name: Banshee

First official flight: XF2D-1 11 Jan 1947

Factory production period: 1946 – 1953

Primary service period: 1949 – 1959

Last official flight: F-2D 1961

BANSHEE VARIANTS

1947	Model -	XF2D-1	3	
1948	Model -	F2H-1	56	Total: 059
1949	Model -	F2H-2	333	
1950	Model -	F2H-2N	14	
1950	Model -	F2H-2P	89	Total: 436
1952	Model -	F2H-3	250	Total: 250
1953	Model -	F2H-4	150	Total: 150
				<u>Total: 895</u>

BANSHEE PRODUCTION

XF2D-1

Prototype twin engined carrier fighter.

*Redesignated as **XF2H-1** in 1947.*

produced 1946 – 1947

McDonnell St. Louis, Missouri (D)

BuNo. 99858 / 99860 -

3 **Total: 003**

F2H-1

As XF2H-1, minor changes.

*Original designation was **F2D-1**.*

produced 1948 – 1949

McDonnell St. Louis, Missouri (H)

BuNo. 122530 / 122559 -

BuNo. 122990 / 123015 -

56 **Total: 056**

F2H-2

As F2H-1, longer fuselage, engine

upgrade, minor improvements.

produced 1949 – 1952

McDonnell St. Louis, Missouri (H)

BuNo. 123204 / 123299 -

BuNo. 123314 / 123365	-		
BuNo. 123367 / 123382	-		
BuNo. 124940 / 125071	-		
BuNo. 125500 / 125505	-		
BuNo. 125649 / 125679	-	333	Total: 333

14 additional airframes cancelled.

F2H-2N

As F2H-2, night-fighter version, longer nose with radar and 20mm cannon.

produced 1949 – 1950

McDonnell St. Louis, Missouri (H)

BuNo. 123300 / 123313	-	14	Total: 014
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F2H-2P

As F2H-2, unarmed photo reconn. version.

1 F2H-2 (BuNo. 123336) also converted.

produced 1950 – 1952

McDonnell St. Louis, Missouri (H)

BuNo. 123366	-		
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BuNo. 125072 / 125079	-		
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BuNo. 125680 / 125706	-		
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BuNo. 126673 / 126695	-		
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BuNo. 128857 / 128886	-	89	Total: 089
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2 additional airframes cancelled.

F2H-3

As F2H-2N, fuselage design changes, extra fuel, minor improvements.

39 to RCN in 1955.

Redesignated as F-2C in 1962.

produced 1952 – 1953

McDonnell St. Louis, Missouri (H)

BuNo. 126291 / 126350	-		
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BuNo. 126354 / 126489	-		
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BuNo. 127493 / 127546	-	250	Total: 250
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195 additional airframes cancelled.

F2H-3P – Photo reconn. version of F2H-3, cancelled.

F2H-4

As F2H-3, weapons / engine upgrade.

Redesignated as F-2D in 1962.

produced

McDonnell St. Louis, Missouri (H)

BuNo. 126351 / 126353	-		
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BuNo. 127547 / 127693	-	150	Total: 150
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Total: 895

BANSHEE CONVERSIONS & TRANSFERS

US Navy

F2H-2B	27	F2H-2, factory conversions as nuclear strike aircraft.
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