

LOCKHEED SR-71 BLACKBIRD

SR-71 SERVICE

Manufacturer: The Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, California, USA
(Designed by Lockheed "Skunk" Works)

Model: A-12

Designations: SR-71; B-12, B-71, F-12, M-21, RS-12, RS-71

Name: Blackbird (unofficial)

First official flight: A-12 26/04/1962
SR-71A 22/12/1964

Factory production period: 1960 – 1967

Primary service period: 1966 – 1990
1995 – 1998 (temporary reactivation)

Last official flight: SR-71A 22/11/1989 (last USAF flight)
SR-71A 09/10/1999 (last NASA flight)

SR-71 VARIANTS

1962	Model A-12	A-12	15	
1963	Model A-12	YF-12A	3	Total: 18
1964	Model A-12	SR-71A	29	
1965	Model A-12	SR-71B	2	
1969	Model A-12	SR-71C	1	Total: 32
				<u>Total: 50</u>

SR-71 PRODUCTION

A-12

*High-altitude reconn./surveillance aircraft, 12 as single seaters, 1 (60-6927), trainer with dual cockpit and last 2 as 2-seaters for launching the D-21 Drone.
produced 1960 – 1964*

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60-6924 / 60-6933 121 / 130

60-6937 / 60-6941 131 / 135

15 **Total: 15**

7 additional 2-seater airframes cancelled.

YF-12A

As A-12, high-altitude 2-seater interceptor version, three ventral fins, all to NASA for tests.

produced 1963

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60-6934 / 60-6936 1001 / 1003

3 **Total: 03**

YF-12B – Proposed production version of YF-12A, 15 cancelled.

SR-71A

*As A-12, high-altitude 2-seater reconn./surveillance aircraft.
Larger fuselage, more fuel, ventral fins deleted. original
designations were **RS-12**, **B-12**, **B-71**, then **RS-71**.
S/n sometimes incorrectly presented as 64-17950 / 64-17955
and 64-17958 / 64-17980.*

produced 1964 – 1967

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61-7950 / 61-7955 2001 / 2006

61-7958 / 61-7980 2009 / 2031

29 **Total: 29**

4 additional airframes cancelled.

SR-71B

*As SR-71A, trainer version with a dual raised cockpit,
two ventral fins. S/n sometimes incorrectly presented
as 64-17956, 64-17957.*

produced 1965

Lockheed Burbank, California (LO)

61-7956, 61-7957 2007, 2008

2 **Total: 02**

SR-71C

*As SR-71B, built from parts of damaged YF-12A(60-6934)
and parts from a static test YF-12A aircraft.*

S/n sometimes incorrectly presented as 64-17981.

produced 1969

Lockheed Burbank, California (LO)

61-7981 2000

1 **Total: 01**

Total: 50

GTD-21B Drone

*F-12 engine nacelle with delta wings intended for launch
outside enemy territory by the M-21 conversion.*

Produced between 1964 and 1967, retired in 1974.

Total: 40

SR-71 CONVERSIONS

USAF

YF-12C 1 SR-71A(61-7951), 1971-1978, conversion for NASA tests.
Re-serialled as 60-6937 – from a stored A-12.

M-21 2 A-12(60-6940, 60-6941), 1964, factory conversions as carriers for the
GTD-21B Drone, 2-seater tandem cockpit.