



IPMS-USA DECALS

General Dynamics B-58 A & TB-58

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1/48 Scale

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- A. XB-58CF(55-660) The first prototype aircraft illustrating the colorful scheme in which it was initially flown. Natural metal overall; pitot boom, nose, tail, wing tips, and pod colored in a red-orange (similar to FS 21302 but almost as brilliant as FS 22190). Nose, wing tip, and tail flashes were gloss white. Anti-glare panel, fuselage lettering, and large central stripe down the pod were black. Note lack of tail gun and wing root ECM panel. Ejection warning triangles were red with white lettering. [Data: Douglas Robinson]



- B. XB-58-CF(55-660) The first prototype again but with a different livery of natural metal overall with a gloss white belly extending aft to just prior to the two ventral antenna covers. Cheat line, lettering, and anti-glare are black. Nacelle flashes appear to have been red, with the inside of the intakes done in gloss white. Access cover above the national insignia was a much darker "anodized" color, as was the area at the upper part of the rudder. Note the complete absence of a fuselage pod, and the additional pitot boom mounted atop the vertical fin. No tail gun or wing root ECM panel. [Data: D. Robinson]



- C. XB-58-CF(55-661) The second prototype bearing a slightly different red-orange, white, and black scheme to that shown in drawing A. Note the black extends to beneath the aircraft's nose. Also note the gray antenna area atop the rudder. No tail gun or wing root ECM panel. (Data: D. Robinson) Wing tip same as (A).



- D. TB-58A-CF(55-670) One of the eight YB's converted to the trainer configuration, with dual controls and revised windows for the instructor pilot. This was an extremely colorful aircraft with red-orange fin, nose, and nacelle flashes, and large pod. Large flashes on fin, nose (including nose gear doors), and pod were gloss white. Anti-glare and nose trim was black. No tail gun, but the wing root ECM panel is fitted. (Data: D. Robinson)



- E. TB-58A-CF(58-1007) The last of the trainers, converted from the first of 17 YB's that were modified as RB-58A's. "Boomerang" was natural metal overall with black lettering, ECM panels, and vertical fin antenna. Circular dorsal hatch cover was gloss white. Note the lack of tail gun, and the small pod. Nose pitot boom was candy-striped in red and white. (Data: D. Robinson)



- F. B-58A-10CF(58-1009) Although bearing the serial number of one of the YB's converted to RB configuration, this aircraft is pictured in Robinson's book, and in photos obtained from the SAC Historian as a "straight" bomber of the 43BW. Natural metal overall. Nose radome, ECM panels, "Bonanza", bull, and "El Toro De Moron" are black. Note the Outstanding Unit Citation ribbon immediately aft of the SAC shield. Nose pitot boom candy-striped in red and white. (Data: D. Robinson and SAC History Office) For an excellent discussion of the RB's camera pod configuration, see Aviation Week, 6Jan58, pg 90-93.



- G. B-58A-10CF(59-2451) in which Major John Deuschendorf of the 438W set a world speed record over a 2000KM course at Edwards AFB of 1,061.8 mph on 12 Jan 61. "Firefly" was natural metal overall with what appears to have been orange panel markings on the fin. Forward portion of the large pod was marked with what appears to be Day Glo panels. "Firefly" was red. The large pod bore the black lettering "B-1100" at its mid-point. Although not black, the vertical fin and rudder antenna covers were very dark colored. (Data: D. Robinson)



- H. B-58A-10CF(59-2436) as seen at BRIZE NORTON on 27 Jan 64 after a deployment from Carswell AFB. "Patriot" was black as are the nose radome, wing ECM fairings, and vertical fin antenna covers. Note the TC (two-component) pod carried, the upper portion of which housed the weapon and fuel, the lower portion housing fuel only. Note also that the lower portion had no large fins. (Data: SCS History Office)

