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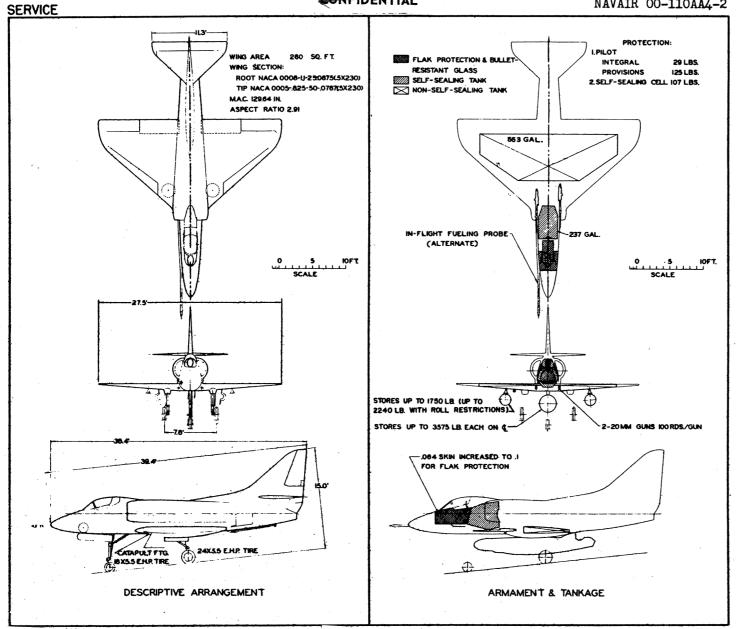
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POWER PLANT		MISSION AND DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTS		
No. & Mode Axial Flow Mfr Wri SPec No. W Length Deameter MIL. Norm.	POWER PLANT 1 (1) J65-W-16A Turbojet Without Afterburner ght Aeronautical AC N890-B	MISSION AND DESCRIPTION The A4D-2 airplane is a lighweight, high- performance, carrier-based, jet-powered attack airplane designed for dive, glide and loft bombing and interdiction. The airplane is also capable of Bullpup missile attacks and in-flight refueling as a tanker or a receiver. It can operate from CVS and CVA type carriers. The arrangement is conventional with all- metal semi-monocoque structure and three- spar low aspect-ratio wing. Landing gear, flaps and speed-brakes are hydraulically operated. An electrically operated fully adjustable stablizer is used to trim throughout the normal flight range. The aileron, elevator, and rudder systems are hydraulic-power operated. Manual control is provided for emergencies. This airplane does not have folding wings. The aft section of the fuselage is readily removable to permit quick engine change. Pressure fueling is provided. DEVELOPMENT First Flight	Loadings Weight L.F. Empty 9146 Basic 10032 Flight Des. 12504 7.0		
Guns:	2-pkgs(7)2.75"Aero 6A-1 2-pkgs.(19)2.75"Aero 7D 2-pkgs.(4)5.00"Aero 10D 2-ASM-N-7A Bullpup 2 Fixed 20mm-100 RDS/ Gun	Length			

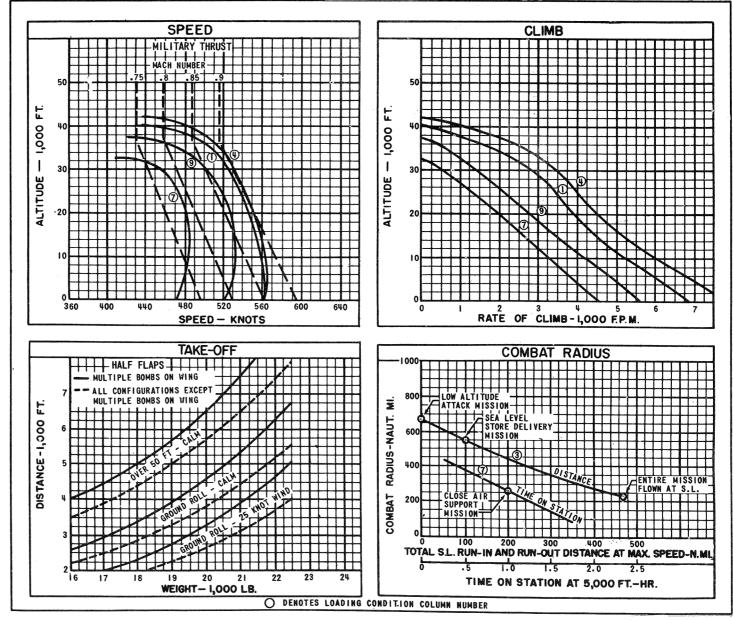
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	PERFORMA	NCE SUMMA	RY		
TAKE-OFF LOADING CONDITION	(1) SEA LEVEL STORE DELIVERY 1 - MK 28	(3) SEA LEVEL STORE DELIVERY 1 - MK 28 2-300 GAL. TANKS	(5) CLOSE AIR SUPPORT 6-500 LB BOMBS 2-1000 LB BOMBS	(7) CLOSE AIR SUPPORT 12-250 LB BOMBS 1-300 GAL. TANK	(9) CLOSE AIR SUPPORT 1-300 GAL. TANK 2-ASM-N-7A BULLPUP
TAKE-OFF WEIGHT 1b.	17,535	22, 130	20,746	21,126	19,038
Fuel - Internal/External (JP-5) lb.	5440/None	5440/4080	5440/None	5440/2040	5440/2040
Payload lb.	2025	2025	5000	3000	1100
Wing loading lb./sq.ft.	67.4	85.1	79.8	81.3	73.2
Stall speed - power-off kn.	119	136	132	142	126
Take-off run at S.L calm ft.	2660	5280	4300	5480	3300
Take-off run at S.L 25 km. wind ft.	1790	3810	3010	4010	2250
Take-off to clear 50 ft calm ft.	4140	7550	6320	7680	4990
Max. speed/altitude kn./M/ft.	563/.86/4000	526/,82/10,000	492/.78/15,000	485/.77/14,000	533/.83/10,000
Rate of climb at S.L. fpr	6800	4550	4600	4600	5600,
Time: S.L. to 20,000 ft. min.	3.7	6.1	5.8	6.1	4.6
Time: S.L. to 30,000 ft. min.	6.6	12.6	12.5	13.0	9.1
Service ceiling (100 fpm) ft.	40,200	32,700	32,700	32,100	36,900
Combat range n.mi	870	. 1440	500	870	1180
Average cruising speed kn	431	431	411	416	427
Cruising altitude(s) ft.	35,100/39,800	30,100/39,200	30,800/35,000	30,200/37,400	33,500/40,800
Combat radius / Mission time n.mi./hr.	200/1.0	550/2.6	70/1.5	250/2.3	340/2.6
Average cruising speed kn	432	431	302	423	431
IFR-Radius/Mission Time K(A) n.mi./hr. IFR-Fuel Transferred/Distance (A) lb/n.mi		890/4.6 3940/434			
COMBAT LOADING CONDITION	(2) STORE RETAINED	(4) TANKS DROPPED STORE RELEASED	(6) BOMBS RELEASED	(8) TANKS DROPPED BOMBS RETAINED	(10) TANK DROPPED MISSILES RETAINE
COMBAT WEIGHT 1b.	15,359	15,625	13,570	18,905	16,817
Engine power	Military	Military	Military	Military	Military
Fuel 1b	60% Internal	Full Internal	60% Internal	Full Internal	Full Internal
Combat speed/combat altitude kn./M/ft	563/.85/SL	562/.85/SL	553/.85/5000	493/.76/5000	546/.84/5000
Rate of climb/combat altitude fpm/ft	7950/SL	7800/SL	7900/5000	4800/5000	5900/5000
Combat ceiling (500 fpm) ft	41,800	41,300	43,700	33,900	38,800
Rate of climb at 35,000 ft. fpm	2800	2600	3300 .	-	1700
Max. speed at 35,000 ft. kn./M	515/.89	516/.90	516/.90		503/.87
Max. speed/altitude kn./M/ft	564/.86/4000	565/.87/5000	554/.36/9000	498/.79/15.000	547/.85/9000
LANDING WEIGHT 1b	. 11,007	11,342	11,263	11,536	11,332
Fuel lb		1157	957	1071	1055
Stall speed - power-off/appr.pwr. kn./kn		96/91	95/91 .	96 /92	96/91
Dist Ground run/over 50 ft. ft./ft.	2780/3495	2860/3575	2845/3560	2915/3630	.2860/3575

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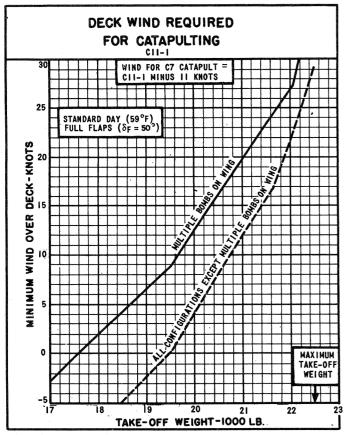
- (A) One Buddy air fueling fuel transferred at 30,000 ft. altitude.
- (B) All loadings include air refueling probe, guns and ammunition.

- (C) Performance Basis: Contractor and NATC Flight Test Data on Models A4D-1, -2, and -2N aircraft.
- (D) Operational Spotting: A total of 106 aircraft with refueling probes can be accommodated in a landing spot on the flight and hangar decks of a CVA-19 class angled deck carrier.



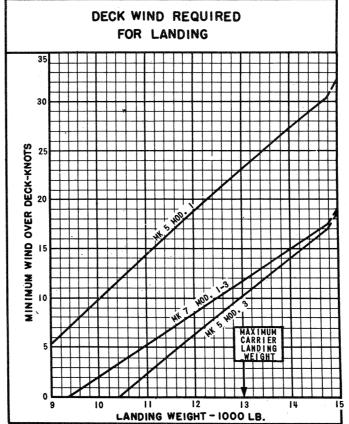


CARRIER SUITABILITY



Catapult takeoff speeds based on launching bulletin No. 8-36D except where limited by excess thrust.

Below a takeoff weight of 19,500 lb on the C11-1 catapult and 19,300 lb on the C7 catapult, the catapult end speed is limited by a maximum peak acceleration of 5.08g. Above these takeoff weights the catapult end speed is limited by a maximum tow force of 94,400 lb.



Approach speed based on speeds recommended in the flight handbook as approved by NATC and corresponds to 1.23 $V_{\rm S,\,L}$ without wing stores.

Engaging speed limited by airplane strength based on 76,000 lb horizontal hook load above a weight of 14,786 lb and 5.14g maximum horizontal load factor below a weight of 14,786 lb.

Good for all configurations.

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NOTES

S. L. STORE DELIVERY COMBAT RADIUS MISSION

START ENGINES, T.O. AND ACCELERATE: Fuel for 5 minutes sea level, normal static thrust.

CLIMB-OUT: At maximum rate of climb with military thrust, on course to optimum cruise altitude or cruise ceiling whichever is lower.

CRUISE-OUT: At speed for maximum range at optimum cruising altitude or cruise ceiling (Drop tanks when empty).

DESCEND: To S.L. (no fuel consumed - no distance covered).

RUN-IN: $\dot{\text{At}}$ S.L. for 50 n.mi. at maximum speed with military thrust. Drop bombs.

COMBAT: For 5 minutes at sea level maximum speed with military thrust (no distance covered).

RUN-OUT: At S.L. for 50 n.mi. at maximum speed with military thrust.

CLIMB-BACK: At maximum rate of climb with military thrust, on course to optimum cruise altitude.

CRUISE-BACK: At speed for maximum range at optimum cruising altitude.

DESCEND: To S.L. (no fuel consumed - no distance covered).

RESERVE AND LANDING: ${\it 5\%}$ initial fuel load plus fuel for 20 minutes at sea level at speed for maximum endurance.

CLOSE AIR SUPPORT COMBAT RADIUS MISSION

START ENGINES, T.O. AND ACCELERATE: Fuel for 5 minutes sea level, normal static thrust.

CLIMB-OUT: At maximum rate of climb with military thrust, on course to optimum cruise altitude or cruise ceiling whichever is lower.

CRUISE-OUT: At speed for maximum range at optimum cruising altitude or cruise ceiling (Drop tanks when empty).

DESCEND: To 5,000 ft altitude (no fuel consumed - no distance covered).

HOLD ON STATION: For one hour at maximum endurance speed at 5,000 ft altitude then drop bombs.

CLIMB-BACK: At maximum rate of climb with military thrust, on course to optimum cruise altitude.

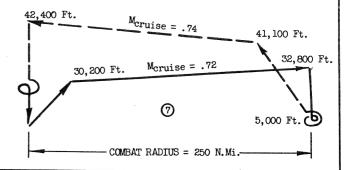
 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{CRUISE}\text{-BACK}}$. At speed for maximum range at optimum cruising altitude.

DESCEND: To sea level (no fuel consumed - no distance covered).

RESERVE AND LANDING: 5% initial fuel load plus fuel for 20 minutes at sea level at speed for maximum endurance.

Mission Time: Excludes warmup, take-off & reserve

Cycle Time: Excludes warmup and take-off fuel



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