General Dynamic / McDonnell Douglas A-12 Avenger II

1/72 scale resin model kit #AA-2009

In mid-1980's, U.S. Navy awarded the ATA (Advanced Tactical Aircraft) program as a replacement for the A-6 Intruder. The key improvement over the existing aircraft was stealth ability. In 1988, General Dynamics / McDonnell Douglas were selected to develop a subsonic twinjet carrier-based ATA for attack at night or in bad weather, the A-12 Avenger II. The principal program office set up at GD, McDD responded for the project design. The 1st prototype was expected to complete in 1990. After 3 years of work, the A-12 contractors revealed serious engineering problems and budget overruns, which caused the 1st flight delay. In 1991, secretary of Defense terminated the A-12 contract after the prototype completion failure. In 1993, the Forth Worth Aviation Heritage Association launched the A-12 restoration program. General Dynamic provided the A-12 engineering hardware for this restoration. The full-scale mock-up was finally completed and displayed in the museum at Alliance Airport, Forth Worth.

Specifications:

Wingspan -70ft 2 in

Length -44ft 5in Height-

13ft 6in

Powerplants -

General Electric F412-400 turbofan x 2

Crews -

Max speed -580mph

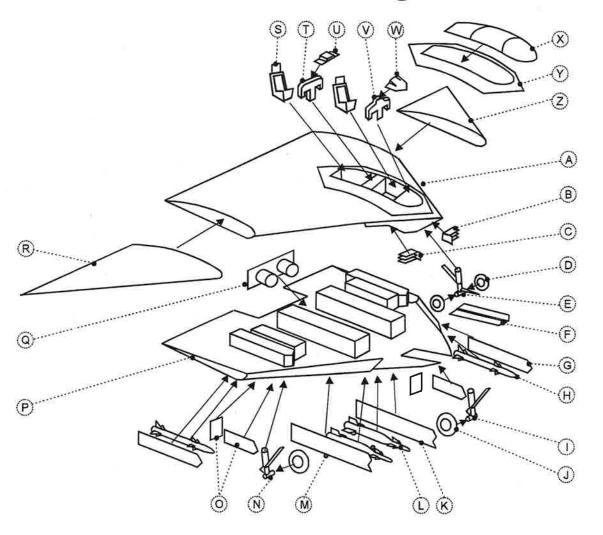
Full scale mockup was publicly displayed for the 1st time on 1996, at the Carswell JRB Open House in Fort Worth, Texas





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- A Upper fuselage x 1
- B Starboard intake vanes x 1 (K) Bomb bay door left x 1
- © Port intake vanes x 1
- D Nose wheel x 2
- E Nose landing gear x 1
- F) Nose gear doors x 1 G Missile bay door x 2
- H) Missile x 2
- (ii) Starboard main gear x 1

- Main wheel x 2
- Bomb x 2
- M Port bomb bay x 1
- N Port main gear x 1
- Main gear door x 2 P Lower fuselage x 1
- After burners x 1 R Port main wing x 1

- (S) Pilot seat x 2
- (T) Aft instrument panel x 1
- (U) Aft panel visor x 1
- Pilot instrument panel x 1
- W Pilot panel visor x 1
- (X) Canopy (clear blister) x 1
- Y Canopy base x 1
- Starboard main wing x 1

