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F-51D MUSTANG The F-51D represents the typical Mustang configuration. It had a 37 foot wingspan, was 32 feet 3 inches long, and 13 feet 8 inches tall. The Packard built Merlin V-1650-7 engine was capable of delivering 1,695 hp which provided a speed of 437 mph at 25,000 feet.

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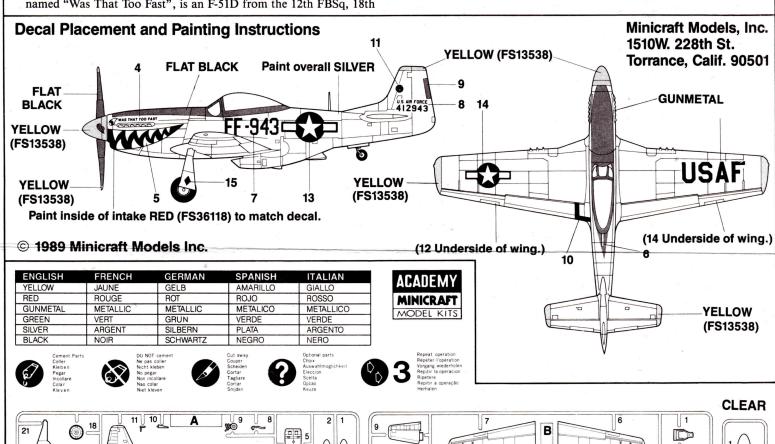
After WWII, all aircraft with the "P" for pursuit designations were changed to "F" for fighter. The Mustang represented by this model, nicknamed "Was That Too Fast", is an F-51D from the 12th FBSq, 18th

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FBGp at Chinhae, Korea in the Fall of 1952. At the outbreak of the Korean War Mustangs were the backbone of the aerial forces lending much support to the newer jets.

The prototype Mustang, the NA-73 was assembled in only 120 days from when it was ordered. The P-51 was an instant success, outperforming even the British Spitfire. The first P-51's were named Apache but only for a short time until Mustang was permanently adopted.

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