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GRUMMAN/COLUMBIA JF/J2F/OA-12 DUCK

First flown at Grumman's factory at Farmingdale on Long Island, New York State in April 1933, total production of the Duck amphibian series was 645 aircraft. Power was a 700hp P&W R-1830 radial.

Designations for the US military orders were:

US Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard: XJF-1, JF-1 to JF-3, J2F-1 to J2F-6

USAF: OA-12, OA-12A to OA-12B

When the US Navy order for J2F-6s was placed in 1942, Grumman sub-contracted their construction to **Columbia Aircraft Corporation** at Valley Stream NY, also on Long Island. This gave much-needed space at the Grumman plant for combat aircraft production.

When Duck production ended in August 1945 with the contract cancellations at the end of WWII, Columbia had built 330 J2F-6 Ducks.

Grumman's planned successor to the Duck was the JL-1, built by Columbia: *see XJL-1 listing this section*



Grumman J2F-6 Duck N1214N (ex US Navy Bu33549) *Candy Clipper* landing on the lake at Fantasy of Flight, Polk City, Florida in April 2008. Photo by Peter R. March

145	•	JF-1	Bu9447	N1235N	Intercoastal Aircraft Inc, Seattle-Boeing Field WA (last FAA inspection 7.49) Charles W. Kirk, Carson City NV (long-term rest. project) reg. pending, Elk Grove CA Edwin E. Forsberg, El Grove CA	- 11.5.89/06 07/14 16.7.14/21
536	•	J2F-4	Bu1649	N63850	US Navy BOC 12.39, based Pearl Harbor HI sold by War Assets Administration Jack Hardwick, El Monte CA William F. Patterson, Miami FL (last FAA inspection 1.53) crashed landing Lake Killarney, Nassau, Bahamas, sank, abandoned William F. Floten, Seattle WA	39/42 .47 55 .55 12.91/97

(salvaged from lake in Bahamas .91 by William Floten & Kevin Hooey, shipped to Miami, stored while component parts located)
 David Arnold/ Flying A Services, North Weald UK 8.97/98 (hulk moved to Wichita KS for rest: not commenced)
 Charles Greenhill/ Amphib Inc, Wheeling IL 21.10.98/17 (rest. commenced Wichita KS 97/98 using a second fuse. acquired ex Alaska; fuse. & hull moved to Fort Worth-Meacham Field TX 99, moved back to Wichita .99 for completion, ff Wichita-Newton 27.5.05 as "US Navy 1649/I-J-18")
 William S. Glover/ Mid-America Flight Museum, Mount Pleasant TX: del. 27.9.17/21

rest to fly 98 by Wichita Air Service, Wichita KS who rebuilt Weeks' Duck; fuselage to Herb Tischler/Texas Airplane Factory, Meacham Field by early 99, noted at Meacham Field 4.99 partially rebuilt, with a second rough incomplete fuselage;

2439	J2F-5	Bu0763	OB-LAT-239	Instituto Linguistico Verano <i>Amauta III</i> crashed Rio Urubabamba, Peru struck-off reg	11.8.49 .51 20.4.51
2441	J2F-5	Bu0765	OB-KAA-164 OB-LAO-164 OB-KAA-164	Instituto Linguistico Verano <i>Amauta</i> crashed in river Rio Napo, La Selva reg. after 15 year rebuild Parque de las Leyendas, Lima (displ. on lake, painted as Peru Navy "164")	5.12.46 6.47 24.10.61 61/77
-	J2F-6	Bu32683	HC-SCF	Latin American Airways Aerovias Nacionales del Ecuador SA-ANDESA crashed	26.4.46 .47
-	• J2F-6 OA-12	Bu32769	N4222U N8563F	(to USAF as 48-0563): 10th ARS, Alaska crashed landing, Chekatna Lake AK (stripped hulk left in woods near lake) Lindley H. "Ketch" Ketchum, Anchorage AK (recov. from crash site by chopper .76) Lindley H. Ketchum, Anchorage AK Lindley H. Ketchum, Anchorage AK (long-term airworthy rest. at Lake Hood AK) Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, Anchorage-Lake Hood: displ. during rest. (rest. completed 01 as OA-12 "USAF 8563 Rescue", ff Lake Hood 26.10.07 on water) minor dam. landing Achorage AK Skyfire Corp, Wilmington DE reg expired 31.3.16, struck-off USCR	25.8.48 .76/81 2.81/93 2.12.93/08 93/08 29.5.08 .12/16 31.3.18
-	• J2F-6	Bu33549	N1214N	reg. (CofA issued 29.8.58) Woodhouse Inc, Long Beach CA John C. Seidel, Sugar Grove IL (rest., flew as US Navy 311") Kermit A. Weeks/ Weeks Air Museum, Tamiami FL (flew as "US Navy/1-J-7 <i>Candy Clipper</i> ") badly dam. Tamiami FL by <i>Hurricane Andrew</i> (rebuilt Wichita KS .93/95, flying 97 as "US Navy 1-J-7 <i>Candy Clipper</i> ") Kermit Weeks/ Fantasy of Flight, Polk City FL (flies as "US Navy 1-J-7 <i>Candy Clipper</i> ")	58 63/69 73/78 16.4.82/99 24.8.92 99/21

*N1214N photo in mid 50s: civil paint scheme;
 N1214N noted Fullerton CA 20.12.58 good condition;
 N1214N photo at Long Beach CA 62, all metallic, in service;
 N1214N retired at Long Beach CA for some years, blue/black/silver civil scheme until acquired
 by John Seidel who restored it, painted in USN prewar scheme "USN 311";
 Hurricane Andrew damage repaired by Wichita Air Service, Wichita KS;*

-	•	J2F-6	Bu33550	N910CM	Charles M. Kirk, Carson City NV (long-term rest. project) Edwin E. Forsberg, Elk Grove CA	9.5.89/93 19.2.21
-	•	J2F-6	Bu33559	N3960C	USN BOC 26.5.45: offered for disposal SOC American Automotive Co Ellsworth Hodges, Cherry Creek NY Jack R. Browne, San Juan Puerto Rico Jack R. Browne, St Thomas USVI Leon Barnum/ Crow Inc, Toledo OH crashed, water landing with gear extended, Maumee River near Toledo OH Steven T. Hamilton, Reno NV (wreck, rest. project)	.48 .49 63/64 66/69 72/74 77/84 12.7.80 86/89
				N3960C	Jack A. Erickson/ Erickson Group Ltd, Medford OR (rest. completed, flies in USN scheme "J2F-6") Tillamook NAS Museum, Tillamook OR (flew in prewar USN grey/red/yellow scheme) Wulf LLC, Beaverton OR op: Erickson Aircraft Collection, Madras OR	17.2.93/21 97/13 21.4.16/21 16/21

*N3960C noted Miami FL 9.8.55 civil paint scheme;
N3960C photo c75 at Beef Island, Tortola BVI without rudder or cowling;
crash 12.7.80: landed on Maumee River, Toledo to celebrate a Great Lake tour by USS
Robert Owens but Duck's wheels were down, overturned in water, pilot badly injured, pax died;
further damage when salvaged from the river, wings lifted out full of water;
photo 89 under rest by Steven Hamilton, on wheels, float rebuilt, rep. in hangar Carson City NV;
N3960C noted Tillamook museum 98, & 6.01;*

-	•	J2F-6	Bu33581		NAS Norfolk VA: stored for NMNA NMNA, NAS Pensacola FL (displ. as USN "33581/149")	65/69 .70/21
-	•	J2F-6	Bu33587	NC67790	Frank Corbitt & partners, Sebastopol CA (purchased from War Assets Administration ex Cal Aero Field, Chino CA, price \$1500) ferried to San Francisco, dismantled and moved to a house for rebuild, completed 54, moved to airfield for test-flying: total airframe time 76 hours; painted all yellow with black trim)	21.10.46/58
				N67790	Howard Sommee, San Mateo CA Harry Beebe, San Francisco CA Richard E. "Gene" Packard/ Aircraft Specialties Inc, Mesa AZ (conversion to fire tanker with 300 gallon water tank completed by Desert Aviation Service 18.1.62, tanker #C07, total airframe time 128 hrs; flew as fire tanker in 1962, 63 & 64 seasons) Ernest Terry, Tucson AZ Hart Marine Inc, Lafayette LA (used oil rig support in Gulf of Louisiana, fire tanker gear removed by Hamilton Aircraft Co at Tucson 7.66) Frank G. Tallman/ Tallmantz Aviation Inc, Orange County CA (flown in movie <i>Murphy's War</i> in Venezuela .70, all blue "RN/MS Mount Kyle" then painted as "US Navy 7790", based Orange County CA) Kermit A. Weeks/ Weeks Air Museum, Tamiami FL USAFM, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton OH (displ. as OA-12 "USAF 8563 Rescue")	7.11.58 .58 21.3.61/64 20.11.64 66/69 9.1.70/84 2.4.85/86 13.3.86/21

*Bu33587 del USCG 9.6.45;
N67790 noted Mesa AZ 26.3.61, all silver;
N67790 noted Mesa 31.3.63 new scheme #07C rep with Desert Aviation, Phoenix AZ;*

*N67790 noted Tucson AZ 23.5.66 under inspection;
N67790 & N1196N painted identically for filming of movie Murphy's War;
N67790 at Reno NV 15.9.73 as airshow act during air races, pilot Frank Tallman;*

-	•	J2F-6	Bu33594	N1273N	Wallace B. Pankratz, Brawley CA San Diego Aerospace Museum, San Diego CA (displ. as "Navy 33594")	59/74 .74/00
					Kermit A. Weeks, Polk City FL Tom Friedkin/ Cinema Air, Carlsbad CA (trucked to Chino 7.00 ex San Diego, rest. to fly)	.95/00 .00
				N19FG N5SF	Tom Friedkin/ Chino Warbirds Inc, Chino CA Chino Warbirds Inc/ Comanche Warbirds Inc, Chino CA (ff Chino 18.3.02 as "US Marines 33594/3-MS-1") Planes of Fame Grand Canyon, Valle AZ: displ.	21.6.00/01 1.01/21 04/08

*(c/n quoted as A-633504)
N1273N noted Torrance CA 20.6.58 in service;
N1273N reg. res.1.00;
noted SDAM 10.85, 10.00;
Acquired by Weeks ex SDAM .95 buit left on display, sold by Weeks to Air Museum/Planes of Fame
in exchange for PofF Grumman F3F one of three built by Texas Airplane Factory in early 90s and
donated to PofF by Tom Friedkin's Cinema Air;
report 8.00: under rest Chino by Fighter rebuilders for owner Tom Friedkin;
noted Chino at PofF under restoration 4.00, 10.00, 1.01;*

-	•	J2F-6	Bu33602	N1939M	W.D. Brady, Portland OR Roberto Batista c/o TACA de Venezuela sold to Venezuela, struck-off USCR	13.6.52 6.7.52 24.7.52
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-	•	J2F-6	Bu33614	N55S	Joe Speidel FL Sam Poole/ Tres Americae Enterprises, Miami FL (retired Letica, Colombia: derelict by 70/81) Lake Wales Air Services, Lake Wales FL claimed by Bob Diemert, Carman MAN (dism. at Letica by Diemert, abandoned Letica due ownership dispute .81) Kermit A. Weeks/ Weeks Air Museum, Tamiami FL: rest. project (recov. ex Letica, Colombia by Weeks .82)	.60/69 72/77 .81 6.12.82/97
				N5855S	Weeks Air Museum, Tamiami FL Kermit Weeks/ Fantasy of Flight, Polk City FL (rest. to fly, Wichita KS 98/06, stored in North Shed, Fantasy of Flight by 14)	1.97/99 99/21

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*N67790 & N1196N painted identically for filming of movie Murphy's War;
N1196N noted Milwaukee WI 13.7.71 "US Navy" markings;
flew at Grumman 50th anniversary celebrations 79, prewar USN scheme;
N1196N flying at Oshkosh WI 31.7.72; Oshkosh 8.76; Oshkosh 8.82 "4-J-1";*

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			Aerovias Nacionales del Ecuador SA- ANDESA	26.4.46
	OB-LAR-231		Instituto Linguistico Verano <i>Amauta II</i>	18.10.48
			crashed Puerto Inca, Rio Pachitea	1.5.49
-	J2F-6	N3961C	noted Tamiami FL, in service	9.8.55
-	J2F-6	N68022	reg	
		HK-.....	sold to Colombia	
		N68022	reg. candidate	10.3.76
			(USCR quotes id. A-632769)	
-	J2F	NL68347	Dawn Patrol Seaplane Base, NY	48
-	J2F-6		(to Mexican Navy as MV-08)	.47
			Museo de la Fuerza Aerea Mexicana, Santa Lucia:	
			displ. as "MV-08"	67/78
-	J2F-6		(to Mexican Navy as)	.47
			Naval Aviation School, Vera Cruz: displ.	67