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- The Mach 2.4 world speed record set by the F-106 in December 1959 has never been broken by any single-engine jet aircraft
- While many aircraft books are written by knowledgeable authors, this book is written by a pilot who actually flew the F-106
- Book features never-before-published photos and technical artwork showing the F-106's structure, armament, and operational systems

Developed for the Air Force in the early 1950s as a next-generation interceptor following Convair's pioneering delta-wing F-102, the F-106 excelled in every aspect of the Air Defense Command mission. With its advanced Hughes radar system, Falcon air-to-air missiles, and a top speed in excess of Mach 2, the Delta Dart became known as "the ultimate interceptor," able to scramble, launch, find its targets, and blow them out of the sky. The 'Dart' was also the lightest-weight aircraft ever powered by a Pratt & Whitney J75 turbojet.

This book provides an insightful and in-depth look at the sixth member of the Air Force "Century Series" family of supersonic fighters. From initial concept through early flight test and development and into operational service, every facet of the F-106's career is examined and explained in comprehensive, yet easy-to-read text. All USAF Air Defense Command units that operated F-106s are covered, and aircraft markings and color schemes are included as well.

The Convair F-106 remains to this day as one of the most successful military aircraft ever built. This book gives the reader a thorough and meticulous reference source on the F-106 using excellent photographs and technical illustrations to tell the story of this history-making aircraft, while also providing valuable detailed information for modelers and historians.

### About the Author

LtCol. Doug Barbier grew up to the sound of F-106s flying out of Selfridge AFB, Michigan, where a visit on Armed Forces Day 1962 began a lifelong interest in the jet. He is a U.S. Air Force Command Pilot with more than 3,500 flight hours. Barbier finished his military career flying the F-16, spending many hours sitting Air Defense alert. After retiring from the Air Force, he flew for a major airline for twenty years. Barbier has had over 200 photographs published worldwide, and this is his first full-length feature book.