



## **Aircraft Specification**

### **North American TF-51D Mustang**

The North American Aviation P-51 Mustang is an American long-range, single-seat fighter and fighter-bomber used during World War II and the Korean War, among other conflicts.

This aircraft, G-TFSI, was built as a P-51D with construction number 124-44703 just a little too late to see combat service in World War Two. Indeed, this was one of the last Mustangs built at North American Aviation's Dallas, Texas, plant. Details of her post war service career are limited, but there is photographic evidence from September 1951 of her serving with the 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Kimpo, South Korea, during the Korean War.

By late 1951 the 45th TRS were replacing their ageing Mustangs with RF-80 Shooting Star jets, so this aircraft was shipped back the USA to serve with the US Air National Guard until 1956. Around this time she slips off the radar until January 1999 when she re-appears in North Dakota as a restoration project. The airframe was moved to Chino, California for a full restoration where the decision was made to modify her to two-seat TF-51D configuration.

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<b>Manufacturer</b>	North American
<b>Model</b>	TF-51D Mustang
<b>Serial Number</b>	124-44703 (Military S/N 44-84847)
<b>Year</b>	1945
<b>Airframe Hours</b>	1,798 hrs
<b>Registration</b>	G-TFSI (UK Registry)
<b>Certification</b>	UK CAA Permit to Fly
<b>Engine</b>	Packard V-1650-7
<b>Engine TSO</b>	444 hrs
<b>Propeller</b>	Hamilton Standard 24D50-105

**Livery** Presented in superb condition in the livery scheme of 'Contrary Mary' from Duxford's 78th Fighter group.

**Interior** Presented in excellent condition (both cockpits). This aircraft is an exceptionally fine example of a complete TF conversion and is configured for training. The rear cockpit includes dual flight controls and all flight and engine instruments, plus fuel selection indications, throttle, prop, mixture, all 3 trimmers, canopy jettison, gear lever and indications.

**Avionics** Trig TY96 8.33 Transceiver  
Trig TT31 Mode S transponder  
Integral Intercom

**Equipment** Electric pre-oiler  
Electric primer  
Emergency fuel system

**History** Having served in the Korean War and the US Air National Guard, this aircraft was converted to a TF-51D between 1999 and 2007 whereupon she was presented as 'Miss Velma'. Thereafter she was a well-known, well-loved and a very well-respected example for many years. In July 2017 she suffered a forced landing due to a power loss and made a forced landing (wheels up). She was rebuilt by hugely respected warbird specialist Air Leasing (save for the main wing which was elected to be replaced rather than repaired. The exchange main wing was supplied by P-51 specialists 'Pacific Fighters'). She flew again in July 2018 as 'Contrary Mary' and returned as one of the finest examples in the World!



# Pictures





Rear Cockpit



# Contrary Mary



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