

# North American 86 Sabre: The Ultimate Fighter Jet of the Cold War



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The North American 86 Sabre was a supersonic fighter jet developed by North American Aviation for the United States Air Force (USAF) and the United States Navy (USN). It was designed to replace the F-86 Sabre and entered service in 1956. The 86 Sabre was a highly successful aircraft, serving in both the USAF and USN for over two decades.

## Design

The 86 Sabre was a single-seat, single-engine fighter jet. It had a sleek, aerodynamic design with a swept wing and a pointed nose. The aircraft was powered by a Pratt & Whitney J57 turbojet engine, which gave it a top speed of Mach 1.2. The 86 Sabre was armed with six 20mm cannons and could carry a variety of air-to-air missiles and bombs.

## Variants

There were several variants of the 86 Sabre produced, including:

- F-86H: The first production variant of the 86 Sabre. It was used by the USAF and USN.
- F-86J: A variant of the 86H with a more powerful engine. It was used by the USAF.
- F-86K: A variant of the 86J with a more advanced radar. It was used by the USAF.
- F-86L: A reconnaissance variant of the 86H. It was used by the USAF.

- F-86D: A two-seat trainer variant of the 86H. It was used by the USAF and USN.

## Combat

The 86 Sabre saw combat in several conflicts, including the Vietnam War. It was a highly effective fighter jet, and it was credited with shooting down over 200 enemy aircraft. The 86 Sabre was also used in the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Six-Day War.

## Legacy

The 86 Sabre was a significant aircraft in the history of aviation. It was one of the first supersonic fighter jets, and it played a major role in the Cold War. The 86 Sabre is still considered to be one of the most successful fighter jets ever built.

The North American 86 Sabre was a remarkable aircraft that played a major role in the Cold War. It was a highly successful fighter jet, and it is still considered to be one of the most iconic aircraft of all time.

## Author's Biography

Greg Goebel is a renowned aviation historian and author. He has written extensively about the history of aviation, and his work has been published in numerous books and magazines. Goebel's website, [VectorSite.net](http://VectorSite.net), is a valuable resource for aviation enthusiasts.

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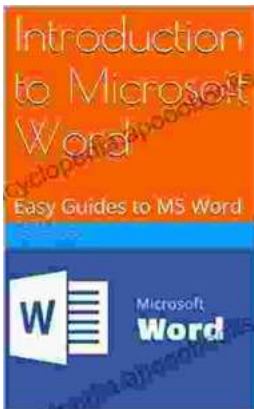
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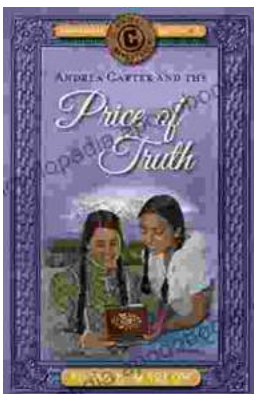


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