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## T-33 Shooting Star Pilot's Flight Operating Instructions

By United States Air Force

Periscope Film, LLC, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 248 x 198 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.The T-33 Thunderbird was the training variant of the U.S. Air Force's first production jet fighter, the F/P-80 Shooting Star. Originally designed by Lockheed's Kelly Johnson during WWII, the P-80 went from drawing board to airborne in a record 150 days. The T-bird was three feet longer than the P-80, and boasted a second seat, instrumentation and flight controls. Equipped with an Allison J33 turbojet, the T-33 had a maximum speed of 600 mph, a range of over 1200 miles in ferry, and a service ceiling of 48,000 feet. The Navy also operated the T-33 as the TV-2 or T-33B, and eventually produced a carrier-capable variant called the T2V-1/T-1A SeaStar. In addition to its role as a trainer, the plane served as a drone control aircraft, reconnaissance platform, and target tow aircraft. In foreign service the T-33, which could carry rockets, bombs and gun pods, was used as a combat aircraft. Perhaps its most notable combat role was during the Bay of Pigs, when T-33s flown by the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force (FAR) attacked...



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