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## Hellenic Air Force-Πολεμική Αεροπορία

### Hellenic Air Force F-104 serial numbers

#### The Hellenic Air Force Starfighters

In the history of the Hellenic Air Force the Starfighter has played an important role. A big number of aircraft have been in use for 30 years, between 1964 and 1993. The first Starfighter came from the Canadair factory in Montreal and a few years later some aircraft arrived directly from Luke AFB after being used intensively for NATO F-104 pilot training in the early sixties.

Greece acquires 45 F-104G (35 built by Canadair and 10 by Lockheed) and 6 two-seat trainer TF-104G (Lockheed) under MAP funding. They arrive at 114 Wing and the 335 Fighter Bomber Squadron is formed with them.

Greece lost a reasonable number of aircraft, which were compensated between 1977 and 1988 when ex-German and ex-Dutch Starfighter arrived after they had been replaced in their countries by more modern fighter aircraft.

Only two Hellenic Air Force squadrons have used the Starfighter, being 335 "Tiger" Mira and 336 "Olympus" Mira.

The first F-104 squadron became 335 Mira from the 114 Pterix (Wing) based at Tanagra AB. The first aircraft arrived there in April 1964. F-104s operated with 335 squadron from April 16, 1964 on. Hellenic F-104s arrived in Piraeus by ship in March 1964 and transferred by trucks to 114 Wing at Tanagra. Some days later 335 Mira participated in the National Day parade over Athens on March 25, 1964.

Sister squadron 336 Mira, still based at Araxos AB, (squadron operated simultaneously F-84F and F-104G) received their Starfighter between December 1964 and January 1965. On January 15, 1965 the "Spider" squadron was partially equipped with the new F-104G fighters, and the F-104 section moved to the 114 Pterix (Combat Wing) at Tanagra AB. 336 Mira started F-104G operations in early 1965.

Almost 2 years later, on December 19, 1966, the 336 Mira moved to the 116 Pterix based at Araxos AB. The 335 Mira kept flying from Tanagra AB until June 30, 1977 when it joined the 336 Mira at Araxos AB. From that day until early 1993 all the remaining F-104s flew from Araxos AB (116 Pterix) until their retirement.

In June 1972 a lot of 9 F-104G and 1 TF-104G, ex Spanish aircraft, were obtained under transferred MAP funding.

335 "Tiger" Mira (squadron) received 10 RF-104G aircraft and formed a separate "Photoreconnaissance Flight" in December 1987. 335 squadron (Mira Anachaitisis (Interceptor Squadron)) deactivated in May 1992.

336 "Olympus" squadron (Mira Diokseos Bombardismou (Fighter-Bomber Squadron)) deactivated March 31, 1993.

March 31, 1993 was the official date for the withdrawal from service in the Hellenic Air Force (EPA: Elliniki Polemiki Aeroporia).

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#### The list is based on construction numbers

##### **MAP F104G Lockheed (ex-MAP training): 3**

4001: 61-2601, decoy (dump) Larissa AB.

4009: 61-2609, crashed July 5, 1971 due to a fatal engine compressor stall.

4024: 61-2624, crashed November 27, 1969, cause is unknown.

(MAP operated by USAF for foreign pilot training by the 4443rd CCTS of 4450th CCTW before delivery)

##### **MAP F-104G Canadair: 49 (40+9 ex SpAF)**

6001: 62-12302, crashed with 335 Mira May 4, 1974.

6002: 62-12303, stored fuselage only (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6003: 62-12304, gate guard as "FG-304" at Andravida AB.  
 6004: 62-12305, crashed June 23, 1992.  
 6005: 62-12306, stored fuselage only (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6006: 62-12307, display (preserved) at Araxos AB in base collection on a parade ground.  
 6007: 62-12308, crashed September 23, 1987 flying into mountain Mount Ossa, in Thessalia (CFIT).  
 6008: 61-12309, crashed May 8, 1969 at Patraikos Kolpos (Golf of Patras).  
 6009: 62-12310, stored fuselage only (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6010: 62-12311, stored fuselage only (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6013: 62-12314, stored (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6014: 62-12315, stored (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6016: 62-12317, stored (dump) Agrinion AB ramp "F-104".  
 6017: 62-12318, crashed January 22, 1979.  
 6018: 62-12319, crashed November 12, 1974 during a night-CPM mission.  
 6020: 62-12321, crashed January 15, 1973 due to loss of engine oil and subsequent engine seizure.  
 6049: 63-12697, crashed February 24, 1976.  
 6056: 63-12704, crashed July 15, 1965 after asymmetry of flaps at Tanagra AB.  
 6057: 63-12705, crashed September 24, 1968 during takeoff at Araxos with nose gear "Shimmy" **NEW**  
 6058: 63-12706, stored (dump) Agrinion AB ramp "F-104" (with RWR sensors at Agrinion).  
 6060: 63-12708, display (preserved) in "Tiger" markings in 335 Mira area at Araxos AB.  
 6061: 63-12709, scrapped.  
 6062: 63-12710, stored (dump) Agrinion AB ramp "F-104".  
 6063: 63-12711, crashed November 21, 1978 into the sea at Kyllini, unknown reason.  
 6064: 63-12712, stored (dump) Araxos AB-fuselage only.  
 6065: 63-13713, stored (dump) Araxos AB-fuselage only.  
 6066: 63-12714, crashed January 18, 1968 at the weapon ground of Marathona, cause unknown.  
 6067: 63-12715, ex C.8-1, on pole at Tripolis AB; 2019 repainted in Mirage 2000 color scheme.  
 6069: 63-12717, ex C.8-3, FG-717 display at Heros of Polytechnics Square, in Kifisia, Attica.  
 6071: 63-12719, crashed January 27, 1987 at Gastounis, Ilias.  
 6072: 63-12720, ex C.8-5, preserved coded FG-720 "Tiger" colors at Hellenic AF Museum, Tatoi AB.  
 6073: 63-12721, crashed April 28, 1977.  
 6074: 63-12722, stored (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6075: 63-12723, crashed December 16, 1966, unknown reason; pilot ejected safely.  
 6076: 63-12724, display (preserved) at Trikorfo, near Messini, Ithomi coded "32724"  
 6077: 63-12725, crashed on May 25, 1989 near Messina.  
 6078: 63-12726, crashed on June 19, 1965 at Tanagra AB, during landing.  
 6079: 63-12727, ex C.8-6, crashed January 25, 1978.  
 6081: 63-12729, crashed July 2, 1968 into the sea because the aircraft was out of control. **NEW**  
 6082: 63-12730, ex C.8-7, stored (preserved) with Arms Museum collection at Messolongi.  
 6086: 63-12734, ex C.8-16, display in Vassiliada, 30 km SW of Kastoria, Kastoria Prefecture.  
 6087: 63-13638, ex C.8-17, stored (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6088: 63-13639, ex C.8-18, stored (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6092: 63-13643, ex C.8-12, "FG-643" restoration at BA Torrejon, ALA 12, Spain, code 104-22.  
 6125: 64-17780, crashed January 15, 1980.  
 6126: 64-17781, display (preserved) Nea Anchialos Airport.  
 6127: 64-17782, preserved at Military camp at Agio Andreas, City of Patras coded "FG-782".  
 6132: 64-17787, stored (dump) Araxos AB.  
 6133: 64-17788, stored (dump) Araxos AB.

#### **MAP F-104G ex SpAF (included above): (9)**

6067; 6069; 6072; 6079; 6082; 6086; 6087; 6088; 6092

They were transferred from Spain in 1972 (MAP to Spain, back to USA, MAP to HAF).

#### **MAP TF-104G (Lockheed): Total 7 (6+1 ex SpAF)**

5501: 61-3025, crashed October 29, 1969 with 116 Wing at Chalkis area. **NEW**  
 5512: 62-12267, crashed coded "TF-267" March 16, 1987 at Messinia near Meligala.  
 5517: 62-12272, crashed May 8, 1964 due to engine failure on final approach for Tanagra AB.  
 5518: 62-12273, crashed June 31, 1972 while performing acrobatics; possible pitchup.  
 5519: 62-12274, preserved (restoration) Tatoi AB (LGTT), Athens.

5520: 62-12275, crashed August 22, 1967 at Tanagra AB after a compressor stall during takeoff.  
5523: 62-12278, ex CE.8-21, stored Tatoi AB (LGTT), Athens (fuselage only).

One (1) of these was transferred from Spain in 1972: 5523

#### **F-104G (Fiat) from Netherlands: 10**

6666: Agrinion dump October 2017 noted.  
6668: FG-668 moved into the new museum at Larissa HQ barracks on June 28, 2021. **NEW**  
6670: Agrinion (fuselage only) dump October 2017 noted.  
6680: preserved (private) 16 km North of Kato Agios Markos, Corfu.  
6681: storage at Tatoi. museum November 2015 noted.  
6684: crashed October 16, 1985, written off, pilot ok. **NEW**  
6695: Polemico Museum (War Museum of Athens) coded "FG-6695".  
6697: derelict (stored) as FG-697 at Araxos; dump September 2017 noted.  
6699: restoration at Dekeleia Aeroclub at Dekeleia Airport (Tatoi).  
6700: Agrinion (fuselage only) stored October 2017 noted  
cockpit at Ikaria aero-club instructional in August 2021 first noted. **NEW**

#### **F-104G (Messerschmitt) from Germany: 26**

7057/21+88: Agrinion (fuselage only) dump October 2017 noted, (fuselage only) coded "21+88".  
7080/22+10: Agrinion (fuselage only) dump October 2017 noted, coded "22+10".  
7082/22+12: crashed on September 3, 1992 after a midair collision close to Andravida AB with 6664.  
7087/22+16: scrapped, was at recreation Center at Agio Andreas, Zoumbery (St. Andrew), Greece.  
7088/22+17: displayed at Maleme AP, Crete (15 km west of Chania)  
7090/22+19: display Delvinaki, Ioannina Prefecture.  
7094/22+21: crashed coded "FG-7094" June 8, 1989 with 116 Pterix, during landing at Araxos AB  
7097/22+22: squadron guard at 336 Mira squadron buildings Araxos AB Coded "FG-303",  
7106/22+29: fire-fighting trainer at Araxos, remains were sold for scrap.  
7151/22+70: display Hellenic AF Museum (Helliniki Aeroporia Moussio), Tatoi AB, Athens  
7152/22+71: stored Agrinion October 2017 noted.  
7153/22+72: stored coded FG-153 at Araxos AB September 2017 noted.  
7155/22+74: stored at Araxos AB (fuselage only) September 2017 noted  
7163/22+81: stored in a compound at Tanagra airfield, September 2017 noted.  
7167/22+85: fuselage stored at Agrinion AB November 2015 noted.  
7168/22+86: coded "FG-168" to Georgitsi in southern Greece; April 2018 noted.  
7172/22+89: Agrinion AB dump "FG-172" October 2017 noted.  
7176/22+93: preserved in Psachna at Technological Educational Institution of Chalkida 2018 noted.  
7180/22+97: Agrinion stored October 2017 noted.  
7183/23+00: Agrinion November 2017 noted.  
7195/23+12: stored (dump) Agrinion AB October 2017 noted.  
7201/23+17: stored Agrinion (dump) October 2017 noted.  
7203/23+19: stored Agrinion AB October 2017 noted.  
7205/23+21: preserved pole-mounted in the city of Aigio, in Achaia prefecture.  
7206/23+22: preserved as display in Ellinopyrgos, some 25 km W of the city of Karditsa  
7207/23+23: stored Agrinion (dump) October 2017 last noted

(7057, 7080 for spare part use only (ETG))

#### **F-104G (MBB) from Germany: 14**

7409/26+63: Agrinion dump September 2018 (bad shape).noted.  
7415/26+69: stored at HAF Museum in November 2018 noted.  
7420/26+74: crashed September 11, 1989 with 336 squadron after a test flight due to fuel problems.  
7421/26+75: display coded "FG-421" at the city of Menidi, east of former Preveza AB,  
7422/26+76: displayed at Leros War Museum at Aegean island at Lakki town coded "FG-422".  
7424/26+78: displayed at 124 Basic Training Wing in Tripoli.  
7425/26+79: preserved Tragano, south of Andravida AB, Western Peloponnes.  
7426/26+80: preserved on poles coded "FG-426" in Lefktra, near Plataies, Boeotia prefecture.  
7427/26+81: preserved above the small village of Kapnochori in a private property west city Lamia.  
7428/26+82: stored (dump) 132 Combat Group at Agrinion.

7429/26+83: stored (dump) 132 Combat Group at Agrinion.  
7433/26+87: stored (dump) 132 Combat Group at Agrinion.  
7434/26+88: stored (dump) 132 Combat Group at Agrinion.  
7435/26+89: stored at Elefsis AB (KEA).

#### **RF-104G (Fokker) from Germany: 1**

8176/24+33: coded "RF-176" stored Agrinion (dump).

#### **RF-104G (Fiat) from Germany: 16**

6629/21+07: stored at Agrinion AB.  
6639/21+09: display at the main hangar of 116 Combat Wing Base Maintenance Squadron at Araxos.  
6642/21+11: stored at Agrinion AB coded "6642".  
6662/21+13: preserved coded as "FG-6662" at Tanagra AB in Silver-finish colors.  
6664/21+15: crashed September 3, 1992 after a midair collision at Iteno Ilias close to Andravida AB.  
6665/21+16: fuselage stored Araxos AB.  
6672/21+17: stored at Agrinion AB as "6672".  
6674/21+19: stored at Agrinion AB as "6674".  
6676/21+21: stored at Agrinion AB as "FG-6676" (experimental twin RWR sensors).  
6677/21+22: displayed at the Tatoi museum coded "RF-677".  
6678/21+23: mounted on a pylon at the village of Moni Taxiarchon, near the town of Athikia, Corinthia.  
6679/21+24: scrapped in November 2006.  
6690/21+29: Agrinion stored (dump) October 2017.  
6691/21+30: preserved coded as "RF-691" at Tanagra AB as gate guard in Silver-finish colors.  
6692/21+31: Larissa AB museum (Lost Aviators Memorial area).  
6693/21+32: Araxos stored.

#### **TF-104G (Consortium) from Germany: 23**

5708/27+07: painted "Galaxy" in blue colors with white stars at Sedes AB, Thessaloniki.  
5714/27+13: stored fuselage only at (dump) Agrinion AB.  
5715/27+14: stored Agrinion AB.  
5717/27+16: dump Araxos AB.  
5719/27+18: stored Agrinion AB.  
5733/27+31: stored Agrinion AB.  
5736/27+34: crashed July 17, 1985 6 miles East of Ithaki Island; pilots ejected safely.

5901/27+72: dump Tanagra AB in bare metal, serial "5901" written on fuselage.  
5906/27+77: stored Agrinion AB.  
5908/27+79: preserved Hellenic AF Museum, Tatoi AB.  
5909/27+80: crashed April 15, 1980 with 335 Mira into the sea near Zakynthos for unknown reason.  
5910/27+81: stored Agrinion AB.  
5912/27+83: stored Araxos AB.  
5916/27+86: stored Agrinion AB.  
5917/27+87: stored Agrinion AB.  
5928/27+98: stored Agrinion AB.  
5953/28+23: TF-5953 Gate Guard at HQ of 130 Combat Group at Limnos AB, near Varos, Limnos.  
5954/28+24: stored Agrinion AB.  
5955/28+25: stored Athens Aeroclub, Tatoi AB.  
5958/28+28: displayed at Air Force Academy "Ikarus School" at Dekelia.  
5959/28+29: dump Agrinion AB.  
5961/28+31: display in aluminum color scheme Tanagra AB.  
5965/28+35: on poles at aero club at Panagitsa, 19 km West of Edessa.

#### **F-104G (SABCA) from Germany: 1**

9048 for spare part use only, March 4, 1983

**Overall:**

Total: 150  
new: 49  
Used: 101

F-104G: 103  
RF-104G: 17  
TF-104G: 30

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