



The Curtiss F9C Sparrowhawk was developed to operate with the U.S. Navy's rigid airships, the U.S.S. Macon and the U.S.S. Akron.

These giant dirigibles were 785 feet long and contained a hangar deck within their hulls for Sparrowhawk fighters. The F9Cs could be launched and retrieved from the airship in flight by means of a retractable trapeze arm on board the airship and a hook apparatus on the airplane. Each airship could internally carry four Sparrowhawks. This F9C-2 is from the "Flying Trapeze" squadron stationed aboard the U.S.S. Macon.

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