

# **The Care And Feeding Of The 12 Sr 71 Blackbirds In Captivity: Every Aviation Enthusiast's Dream**

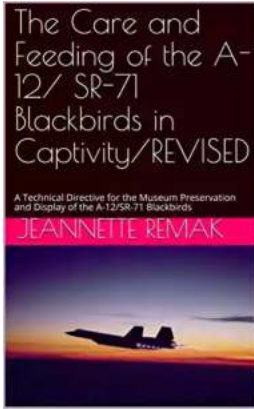
Aviation enthusiasts around the world have always been fascinated by the iconic SR-71 Blackbird, an advanced reconnaissance aircraft that held numerous speed and altitude records during its active service years. Today, a lucky few have the opportunity to witness the majestic beauty and extraordinary capabilities of these powerful aircraft up close. In this article, we delve into the world of caring for and feeding the 12 SR-71 Blackbirds in captivity, providing unique insights into their maintenance and showcasing the wonder they continue to inspire.

## **An to the SR-71 Blackbird**

One cannot begin to appreciate the marvel of caring for these historic aircraft without understanding their groundbreaking features. The SR-71 Blackbird, developed by Lockheed Martin's Advanced Development Projects division, was designed to operate at high altitudes and speeds, surpassing Mach 3 (over 2,200 miles per hour). Its stealthy reconnaissance capabilities and cutting-edge technologies made it an invaluable asset during the Cold War and beyond.

Although the SR-71 Blackbird retired from active duty in 1998, it continues to capture the imagination of aviation enthusiasts worldwide. The fact that twelve of these incredible aircraft are now preserved in captivity, instead of being consigned to history, is a testament to their enduring legacy.

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## Caring for the 12 SR-71 Blackbirds

The preservation and maintenance of the 12 SR-71 Blackbirds require unparalleled attention to detail and deep understanding of their unique specifications. Expert engineers and technicians employ a wide array of methods to ensure that these aircraft remain in pristine condition, despite the challenges of aging.

Each aircraft is treated as a living piece of history, and a dedicated team works tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure every vital component is meticulously maintained. This involves specialized preservation techniques, conducting regular inspections, and repairing any wear and tear swiftly.

One of the most crucial aspects of caring for these aircraft is ensuring the integrity of their airframes. The unique high-temperature, high-speed flight stresses the Blackbird endured necessitate constant monitoring and maintenance to prevent structural deterioration. This includes regular checks for cracks,

corrosion, and fatigue, as well as painstakingly ensuring that every component is up to the highest standards.

Another vital area of focus is the propulsion system. The SR-71's twin Pratt & Whitney J58 engines represent a pinnacle of aerospace engineering. The care for these powerhouses involves constant inspections, advanced testing techniques, and skilled hands-on maintenance to ensure optimal performance and reliability.

## **Feeding the SR-71 Blackbirds: AvGas and Special Needs**

While the SR-71 Blackbirds may not consume traditional food, to ensure their operational readiness, they require fuel—the lifeblood of their existence. These magnificent reconnaissance aircraft are known to have a voracious appetite for jet fuel, specifically Aviation Gasoline (AvGas). This specialized fuel, with unique properties and additives, helps the Blackbirds unleash their breathtaking capabilities.

Maintaining a steady supply of AvGas for these aircraft is an intricate process. Regular refueling and careful storage are essential to ensure the fuel retains its quality and meets the strict specifications required for the SR-71. Aviation fuel experts work closely with caretakers to optimize the storage conditions and maintain a consistent fuel supply.

It's worth noting that the quality of the AvGas directly impacts the performance of the SR-71 Blackbirds. Fuel impurities or deficiencies can undermine the aircraft's operational reliability, which is why rigorous adherence to strict quality control protocols is crucial. The care and feeding of the SR-71 Blackbirds go hand in hand to preserve their unmatched capabilities.

## **Preserving a Legacy, Inspiring Generations**

The 12 SR-71 Blackbirds in captivity serve as a living tribute to the aviation pioneers who pushed the boundaries of what was thought possible. By caring for these remarkable aircraft, their keepers ensure that future generations continue to marvel at their extraordinary design and capabilities.

These aircraft are not just objects of fascination; they symbolize the drive for innovation, excellence, and the relentless pursuit of pushing limits. Every visitor who steps foot in their presence leaves with a renewed sense of awe and admiration for the visionaries who conceived and developed them.

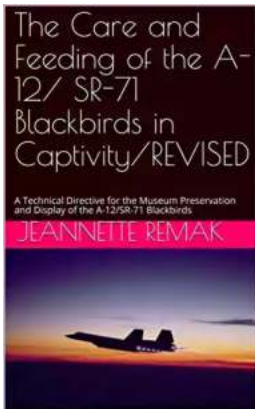
The SR-71 Blackbirds showcase the remarkable achievements of human ingenuity. Whether seen in exhibitions, museums, or preserved military installations, they serve as inspiring beacons of technological prowess and human endeavor that continue to captivate minds around the world.

The care and feeding of the 12 SR-71 Blackbirds in captivity is a labor of love and a testament to the everlasting impact of these legendary aircraft. The dedication of the passionate individuals responsible for their preservation and maintenance ensures that these aviation marvels remain a source of intrigue and inspiration for generations to come.

As we continue forward in the age of supersonic travel, unmanned reconnaissance, and ever-advancing aerospace technologies, the SR-71 Blackbirds stand as reminders of our capacity to surpass perceived limitations and venture into the unknown in pursuit of progress.

So, the next time you find yourself in the presence of one of these incredible aircraft, take a moment to appreciate the effort, skill, and devotion that goes into caring for and feeding the SR-71 Blackbirds. Embrace the magic of aviation

history and use it as a catalyst to ignite your own passion for pushing the boundaries of what is possible.



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This book is a 2020 revised version of the 2017 issue. There have been updates, new photos and other material included.

Ever wonder why when you go to Museums to see an A-12 or an SR-71 how they got in either that great condition or

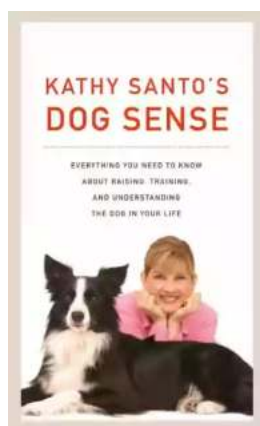
terrible condition? This directive was requested by the Roadrunners

Internationale Organization. They are the group that is responsible for flying and maintaining the Lockheed A-12/ OXCART program and SENIOR CROWN.

Lockheed built and helped maintain these very rare and elusive aircraft. The A-12 and the SR-71 are the backbone of Aerial Reconnaissance for the United States.

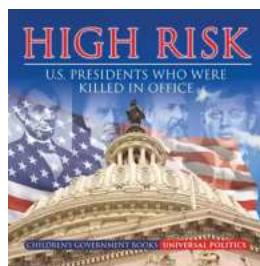
Maintenance of these aircraft has always been in question, as many of these very

few aircraft are left to the elements and appear in poor condition, mis-marked with the wrong information and have been poorly maintained by the host museums. This directive will give the pertinent information on restoration and procedures of maintenance of these aircraft, including an appendices that carries material direct from the A-12 manual.



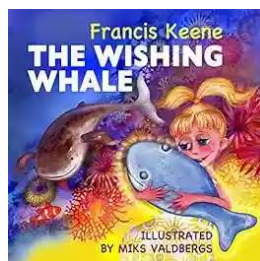
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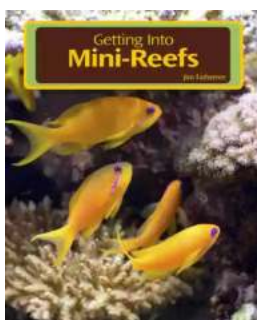
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