

LOCKHEED P-38 SERIAL NUMBERS

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AAF Serial Numbers are most often used to identify the particular model, and perhaps the block number, of a plane in a photograph. The P-38 serials are particularly helpful because of the difficulty in identifying so many similar types.

Caution should always be used, however, in applying numbers from large blocks of several hundred or thousand airplanes as often individual aircraft are modified and re-designated after production. A specific example of this is the final batch of P-38L's, 44-53008 to 44-53327. Many of these planes became F-5G-6-LO's and P-38M-1-LO's.

Two additional aircraft of the general P-38 configuration were the XP-49, 40-3055, and the XP-58, 41-2670.

37-457		XP-38	42-12870	to	12966	P-38G-10-LO	
39-689	to	701	YP-38	42-12967	to	12986	F-5A-10-LO
40-744	to	761	P-38	42-12987	to	13066	P-38G-10-LO
40-762		XP-38A	42-13067	to	13126	F-5A-10-LO	
40-763	to	773	P-38	42-13127	to	13266	P-38G-10-LO
40-774	to	809	P-38D	42-13267	to	13326	F-5A-10-LO
41-1983	to	2097	P-38E	42-13327	to	13557	P-38G-10-LO
41-2098	to	2099	F-4	42-13558			P-38K-1-LO
41-2100	to	2120	P-38E	42-13559			P-38H-1-LO
41-2121	to	2156	F-4	42-13560	to	13566	P-38J-1-LO
41-2157		F-5A	42-66502	to	66726		P-38H-1-LO
41-2158	to	2171	F-4	42-66727	to	67101	P-38H-5-LO
41-2172		P-38E	42-67102	to	67311		P-38J-5-LO
41-2173	to	2218	F-4	42-67312	to	67401	F-5B-1-LO
41-2219		P-38E	42-67402	to	68191		P-38J-10-LO
41-2220		F-4	42-68192	to	68301		F-5B-1-LO
41-2221	to	2292	P-38E	42-103979	to	104428	P-38J-15-LO
41-2293	to	2321	P-38F	43-2035	to	2063	P-38F-13-LO
41-2322	to	2361	P-38F	43-2064	to	2184	P-38F-15-LO
41-2362	to	2381	F-4A	43-2185	to	2558	P-38G-15-LO
41-2382	to	2392	P-38F	43-28248	to	29047	P-38J-15-LO
41-7484	to	7680	P-38F	43-50226	to	50338	P-38L-5-VN
42-12567	to	12666	P-38F-5-LO	44-23059	to	23208	P-38J-15-LO
42-12667	to	12686	F-5A-1-LO	44-23209	to	23558	P-38J-20-LO
42-12687	to	12766	P-38G-1-LO	44-23559	to	23768	P-38J-25-LO
42-12767	to	12786	F-5A-3-LO	44-23769	to	25058	P-38L-1-LO
42-12787	to	12798	P-38G-3-LO	44-25059	to	27258	P-38L-5-LO
42-12799	to	12866	P-38G-5-LO	44-53008	to	53327	P-38L-5-LO
42-12867	to	12869	P-38J-1-LO				

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The photos on the left have been sent in by Roger F. Besecker of Allentown, Pennsylvania. They represent recent photos, taken during the past three years, of various interesting foreign military markings on U.S. aircraft.