

M61A1 Vulcan Rotary Cannon

The F-4 lacked a gun. Without a gun that could be employed in close-in dogfights against North Vietnamese MiGs, F-4 pilots found it difficult to safely engage with air-to-air missiles. The F-4E, introduced in 1968, added an M61A1 cannon under the nose.



The six-barreled, air-cooled, electronically fired rotary weapon fired 20 mm ammunition at nearly 6,000 rounds per minute.