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On 8 May 2004, a monument was erected at the cockpit's locale, near. The USAF awarded to anyone achieving an altitude of 50 miles 80 km, while the set the at 100 kilometers 62. The remaining 175 flights of the X-15 used XLR99 engines, in a single engine configuration.

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The space agency, Air Force and Navy jointly supported the program. The dayglo had been stripped from the engine inlets and tail of the when this picture was taken at the 1962 Edwards AFB Open House. The inboard flaps were disabled, but the outer flaps remained functional.

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It served as an air-to-air gunnery target. The report stated that it was likely that Walker, piloting the F-104, maintained his position by looking at the fuselage of the XB-70, forward of his position.

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Go to more photos of the. Between June 1959 and October 1968, a dozen pilots made a total of 199 flights in one or another of the three X-15 aircraft. After three minutes, its fuel has burned up.

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