
"JP-8" Fuel at Basecamp?

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While cruising through the stuff you've got on Basecamp Airfield one thing caught my eye specifically, the note you made regarding the fuel truck labeled JP-8. The number 8 is what is unusual. Example; JP-4 is the fuel the Air Force use for the majority of its aircraft. The Navy uses JP-5 aboard ship because it has a higher flash point and is safer than JP-4 for use at sea. I am a former air traffic controller and as such had occasion to ride in the cockpit of many commercial aircraft. Once while doing this I met a civilian pilot who was in a reserve squadron of KC-135's and he told me about the fuel for the SR-71 and how corrosive it is. It is coorosive enough to eat away at normal fuel tanks and requires a specially modified KC-135 to accomdate the fuel (KC-135Q I believe). Its designation was/is JP-7. I still maintain an active interest in most aviation related feilds and this is the first time I've ever heard of JP-8. It may be that JP-8 is fairly common and I am very uninformed. New engines, stealth technology etc. probably will require new fuels.

The fuel truck in question see at:
http://www.ufomind.com/area51/org/basecamp/pix/fuel_truck.jpg
(It hardly looks hi-tech.)

Mention of JP-8 is at:
<http://www.ufomind.com/area51/org/basecamp/>

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