

F-5A



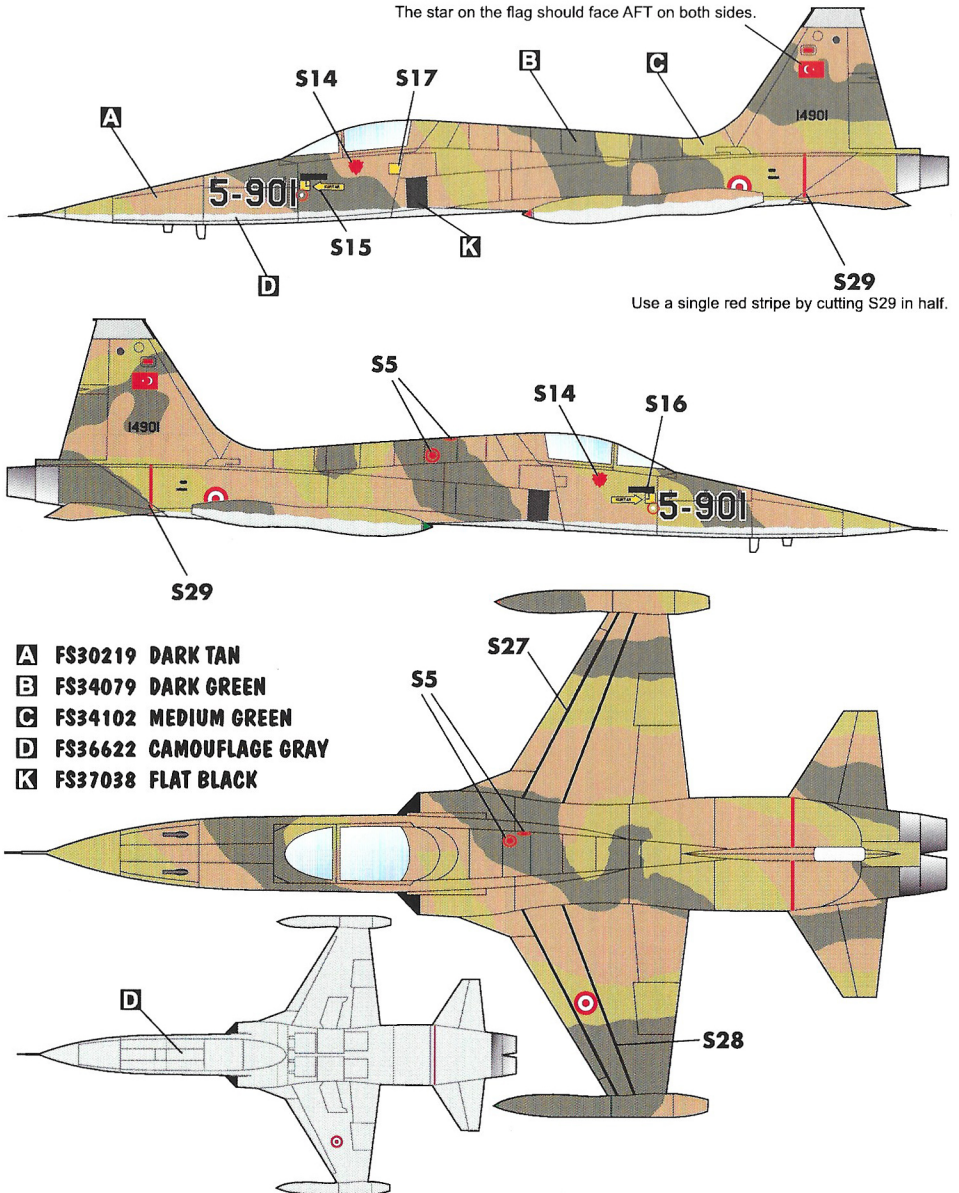
**7 MARKINGS FOR 4 COUNTRIES:
GREECE, SPAIN, TURKEY, US**

Option 1: F-5A 67-14901

Turkish Air Force, 152. Filo, Merzifon Air Base, 1988

The aircraft is an F-5A painted in the standard Turkish Air Force F-5 camouflage scheme used throughout the 1980s, when the F-5A was still a front-line fighter/bomber in Turkey.

The colors are standard SEA camouflage colors. In the diagrams below, we used a lighter green color for FS34102 to improve contrast and make it easier to distinguish the dark and light green areas.



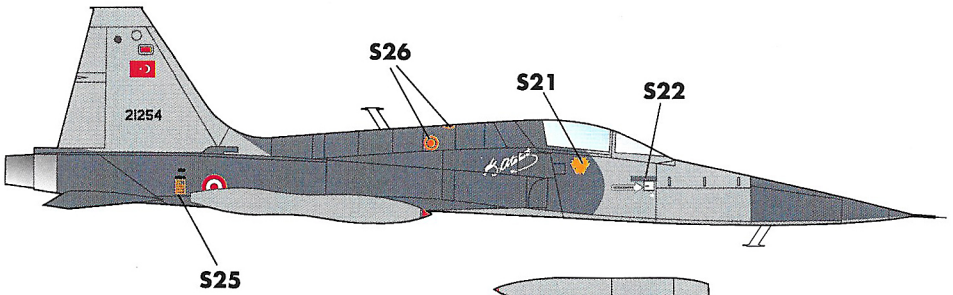
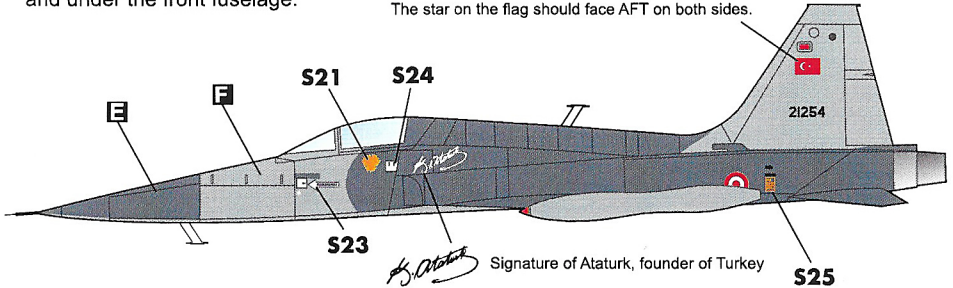
Option 2: F-5A/2000 67-21254

Turkish Air Force, 133. Filo, Konya Air Base, 2003

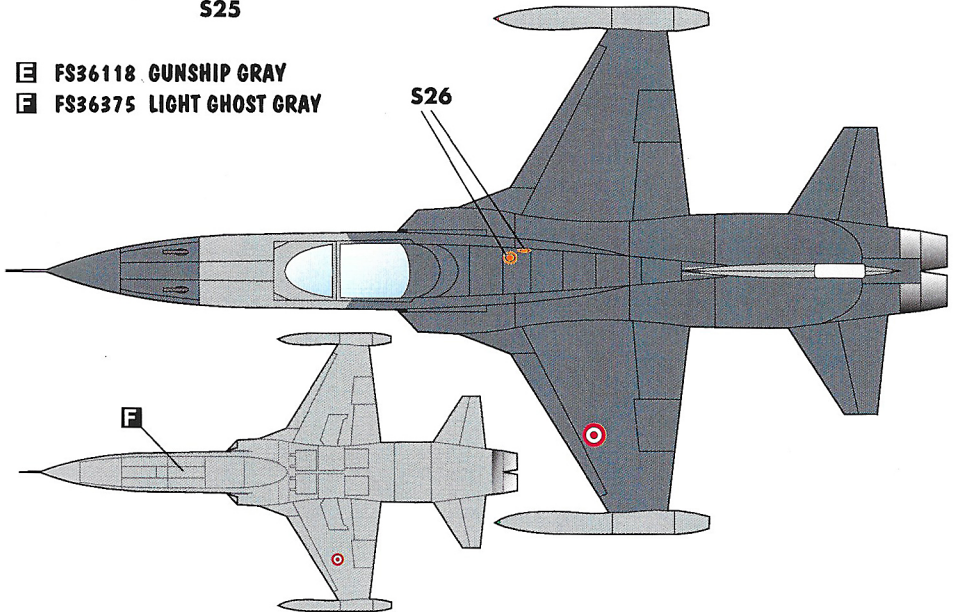
The "F-5A/2000" designation is used for modernized Turkish Air Force F-5A's that are used for LIFT (lead-in fighter training) programs. These are primarily used for training future Turkish Air Force pilots; although they also fly as "aggressors" in Anatolian Flag exercises from time to time.

These aircraft have been upgraded with a glass cockpit, HUD, modern avionics and a Martin-Baker T16J ejection seat (which is mostly identical to the US16T seat being fitted to USAF T-38 fleet). The only visible external differences are the new UHF/VHF antennas on the spine and under the front fuselage.

The star on the flag should face AFT on both sides.



- E** FS36118 GUNSHIP GRAY
- F** FS36375 LIGHT GHOST GRAY

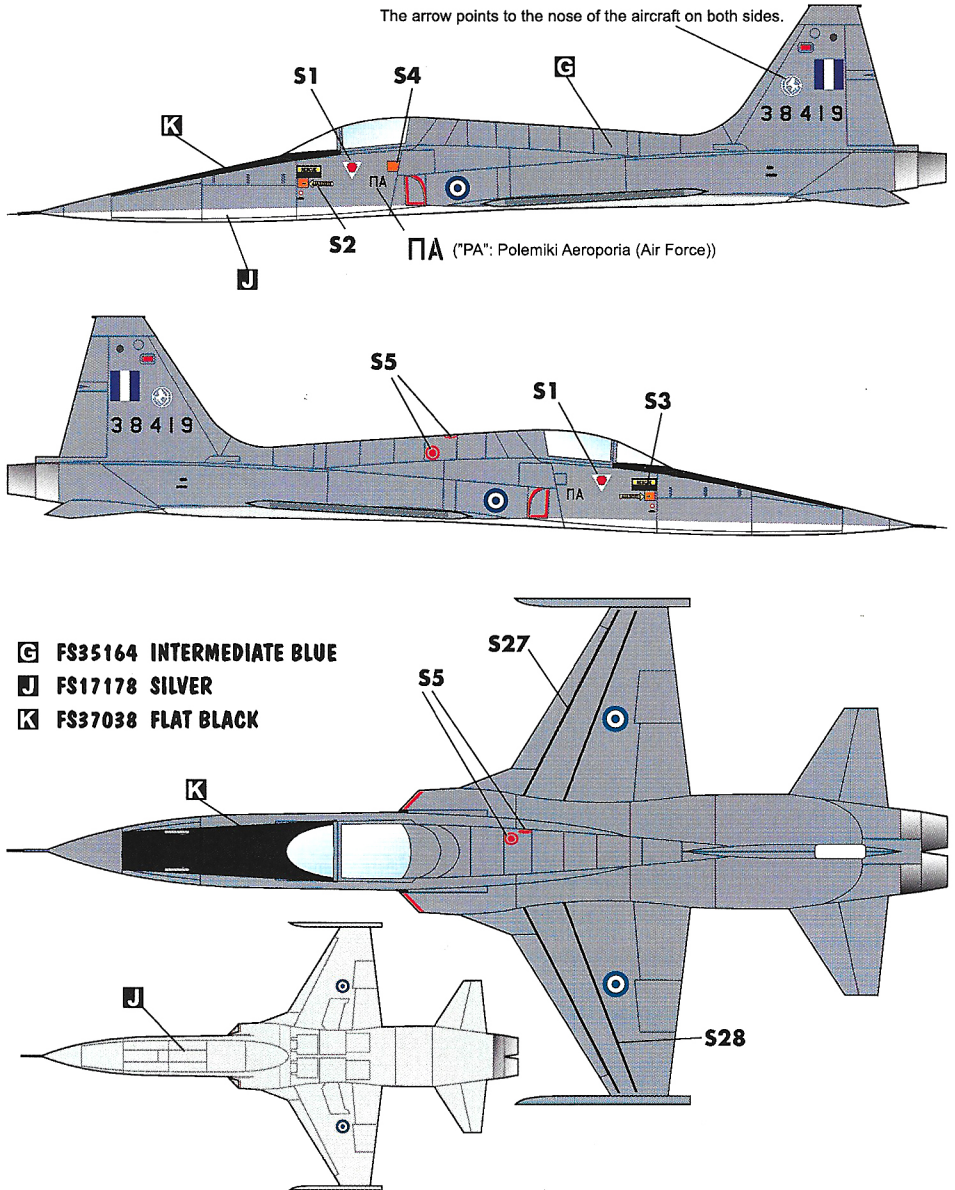


Option 3: F-5A 63-08419

Hellenic Air Force, 343 Mira, 1980s

Painted in the "Aegean Blue" camouflage scheme; 38419 was one of the two 343 Mira aircraft decorated with this tail art. Most Hellenic Air Force F-5As were equipped with the Martin-Baker Mk.10 ejection seat. HAF F-5As were typically almost always equipped with wingtip Sidewinder launchers: operational aircraft were rarely photographed with tip tanks.

We would like to thank Mr. Kostas Bouris for his help in obtaining references for this F-5A.



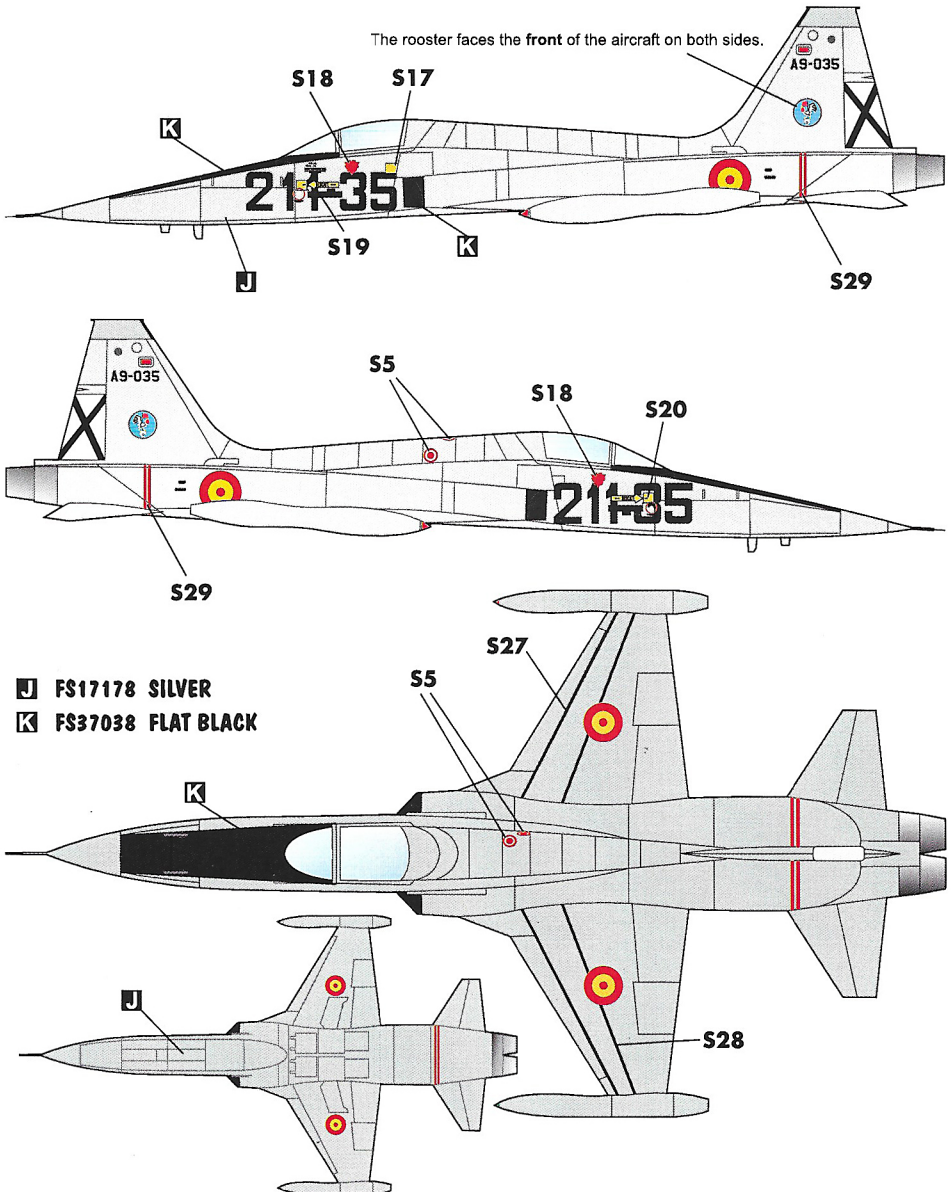
Option 4: SF-5A A9-035

Spanish Air Force, Esc 211, 1976

This is a Spanish SF-5A painted in the original overall silver scheme used during the 1960s and 1970s.

The rooster on the Ala 21 unit insignia faces the front of the aircraft on both sides. Use the larger of the two insignia types provided on the sheet.

These aircraft were painted in a silver lacquer overall. Note that the maintenance stencilling was applied over the serial numbers in the front fuselage area. Apply the serial number first, then apply stencils on top.

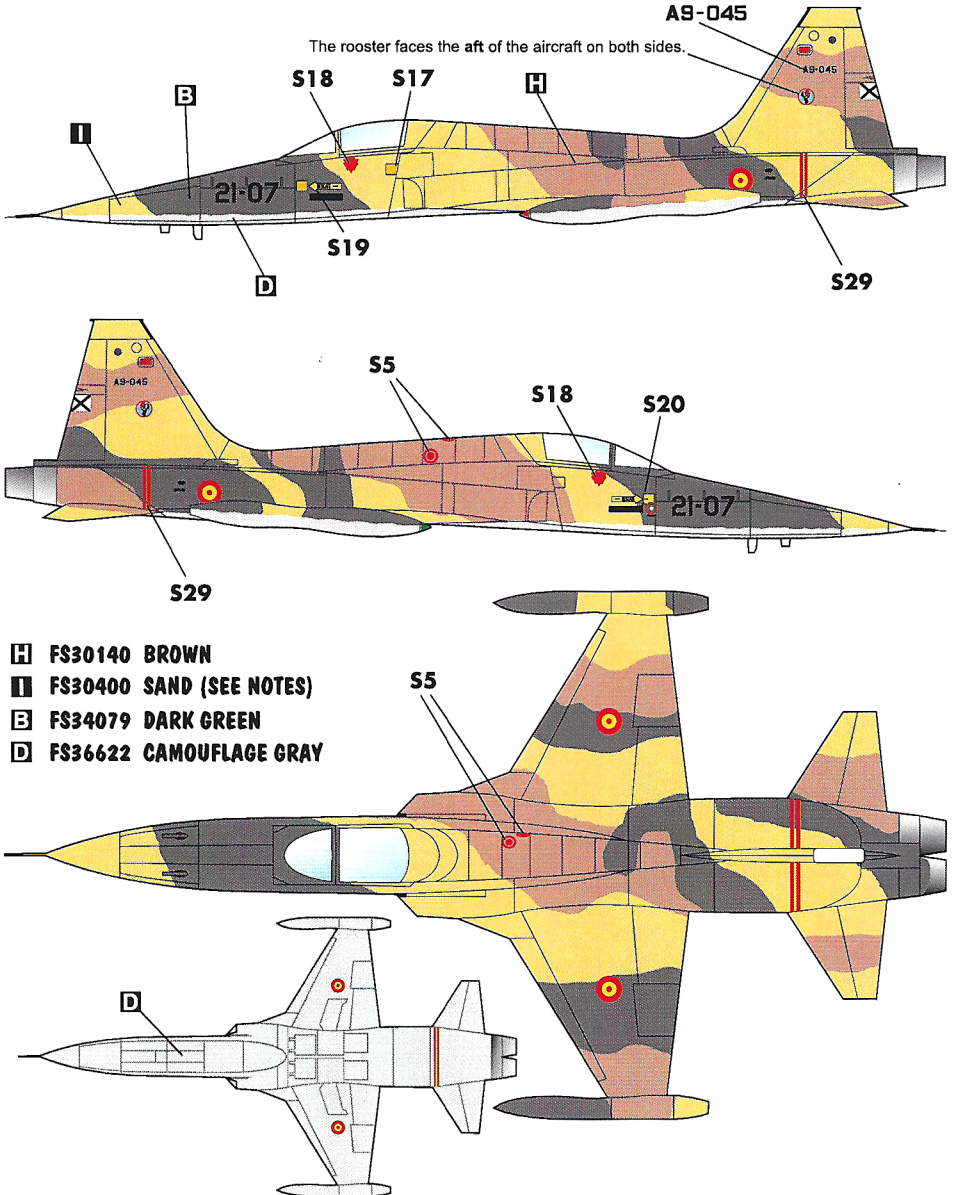


Option 5: SF-5A A9-045

Spanish Air Force, Ala 21, 1990s

This Spanish SF-5A is painted in the standard camouflage scheme adopted by the Spanish Air Force in late 1980s and 1990s.

While the specified sand/yellow color for this scheme is FS30400, the locally procured paint used on Spanish aircraft seems to have a slightly different color. We believe FS33695 is a close match for this color.



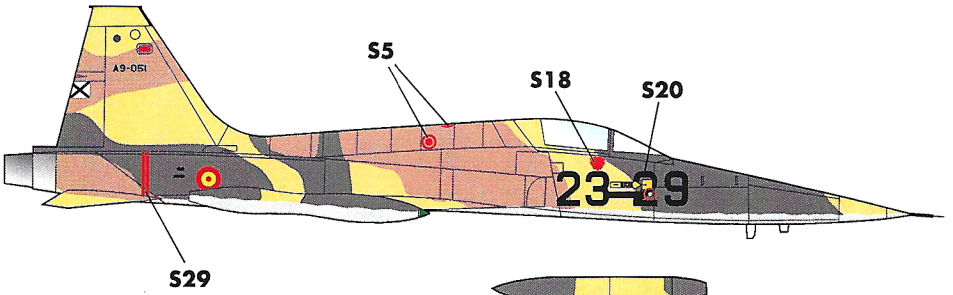
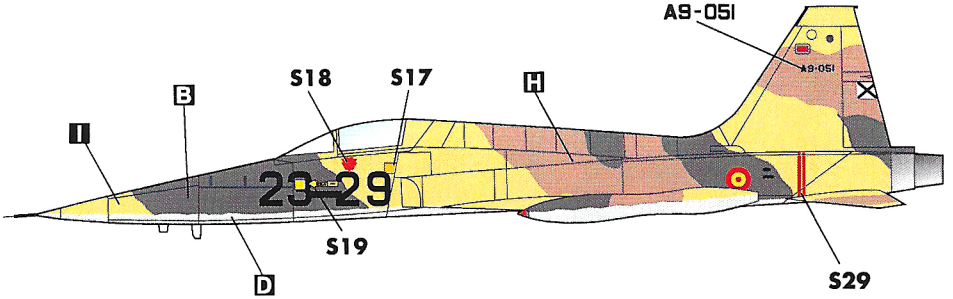
- I FS30140 BROWN
- B FS30400 SAND (SEE NOTES)
- S FS34079 DARK GREEN
- D FS36622 CAMOUFLAGE GRAY

Option 6: SF-5A A9-051

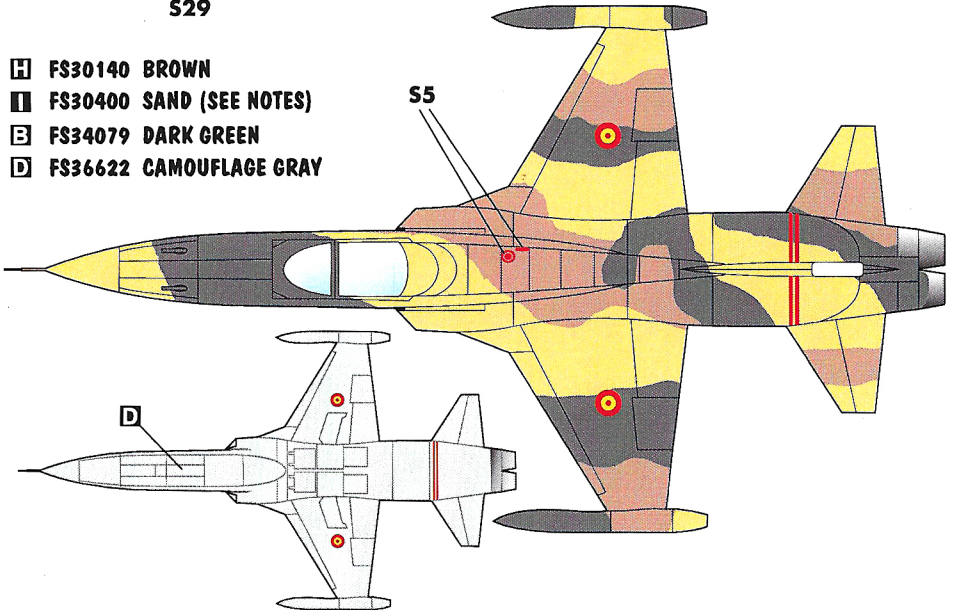
Spanish Air Force, Ala 23, 2000s

This option depicts a camouflaged SF-5A as used by Ala 23.

Once again, the maintenance stencils seem to be applied on top of the serial number on the nose. Please see notes for Option 5 about the sand/yellow color used in this scheme.



- I** FS30140 BROWN
- I** FS30400 SAND (SEE NOTES)
- B** FS34079 DARK GREEN
- D** FS36622 CAMOUFLAGE GRAY

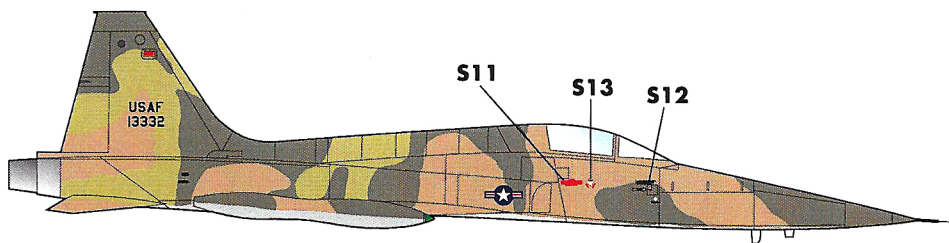
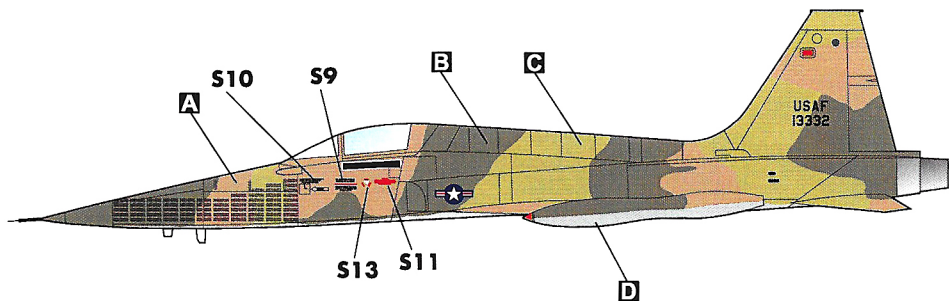


Option 7: F-5C 64-13332

USAF 10th Fighter Commando Squadron, Bien Hoa, Vietnam 1967

This aircraft was assigned to Capt. Gil Dunne during the "Skoshi Tiger" program in Vietnam where the F-5 proved itself as a capable attack and close-air support platform. The air-to-air refueling probe fitted to F-5C's was removed on this aircraft, with only the small fairing remaining.

We used a lighter green color for FS34102 to improve contrast and make it easier to distinguish the dark and light green areas. The colors are standard SEA camouflage colors:



- A** FS30219 DARK TAN
- B** FS34079 DARK GREEN
- C** FS34102 MEDIUM GREEN
- D** FS36622 CAMOUFLAGE GRAY

