

KC-135R

14708 Plastic Model Kit Skill Level 2

All New Tooling!
Plus New "R" Engine Tooling!

**MINICRAFT
MODEL KITS**

- Authentic 1/144 scale
- Fine recessed panel lines and engraved detail
- Detailed landing gear bay
- Cartograf Decals

Includes 2 Marking Options!

KC-135R (58-0018), 22nd ARW (931st ARG) McConnell AFB, 2013

KC-135R (58-0023) Illinois Air National Guard, ca. 2005

1:144 USAF KC-135R™

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In the early 1950's the US Air Force needed a new high-speed jet transport that was capable of providing mid-air refueling for the new high speed jet bombers coming into service. The C/KC-135 design was chosen and has now operated in the United States Air Force for almost 60 years making it among the longest serving "front-line" aircraft in history.

The new Minicraft KC-135R represents the KC-135 as the airplane appears today. Extensive modifications have been made to extend the service life of the KC-135. This new KC-135R features new engine tooling representing CFM-56 high efficiency engines that improve speed and improves fuel efficiency. New decals printed by Cartograf features markings for 2 United States Air Force aircraft.

Markings included in this kit are:

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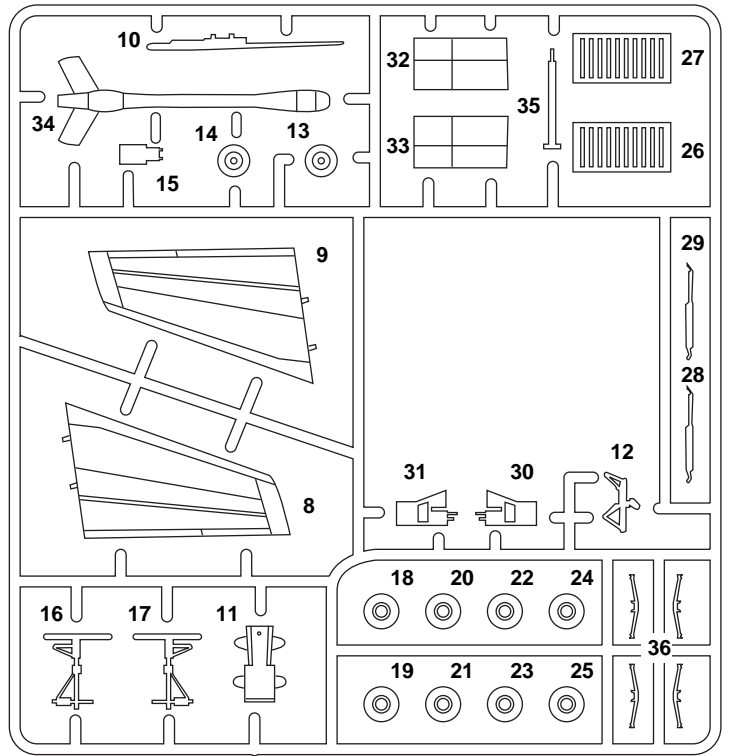
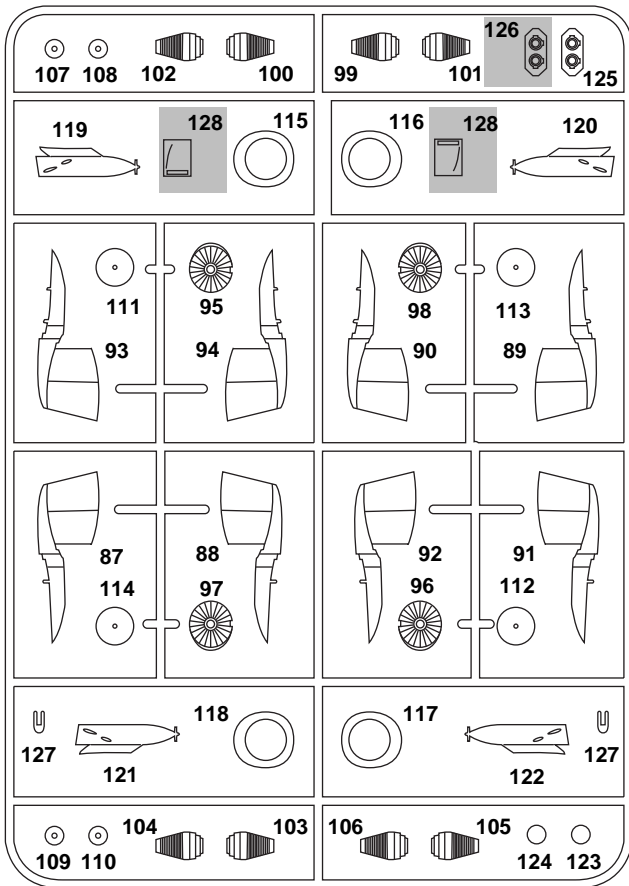
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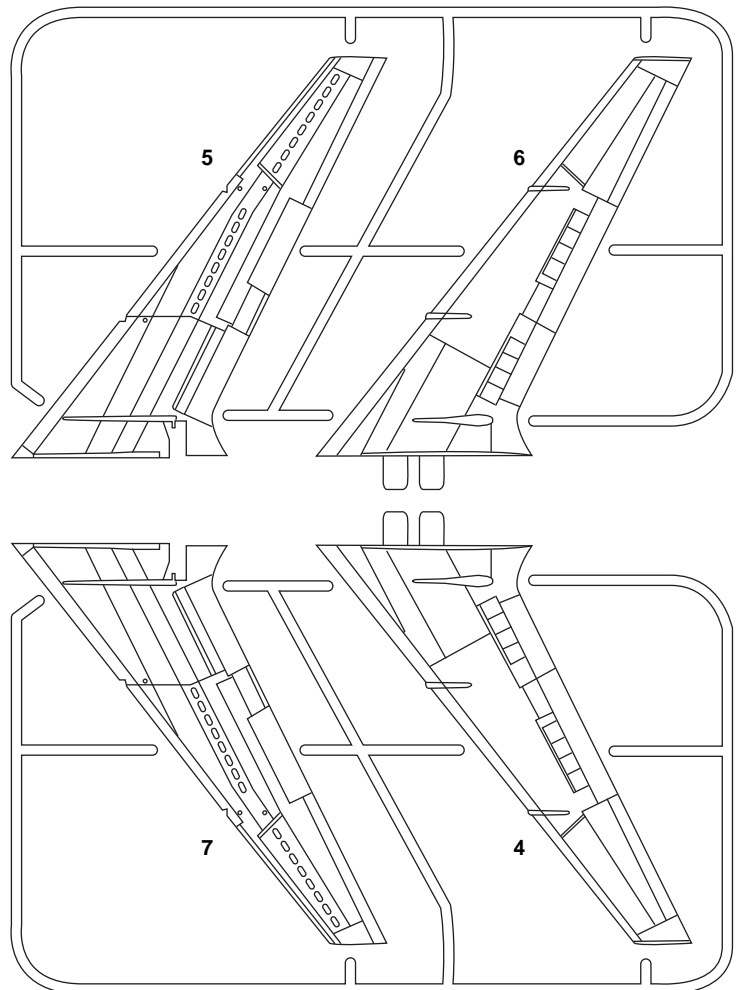
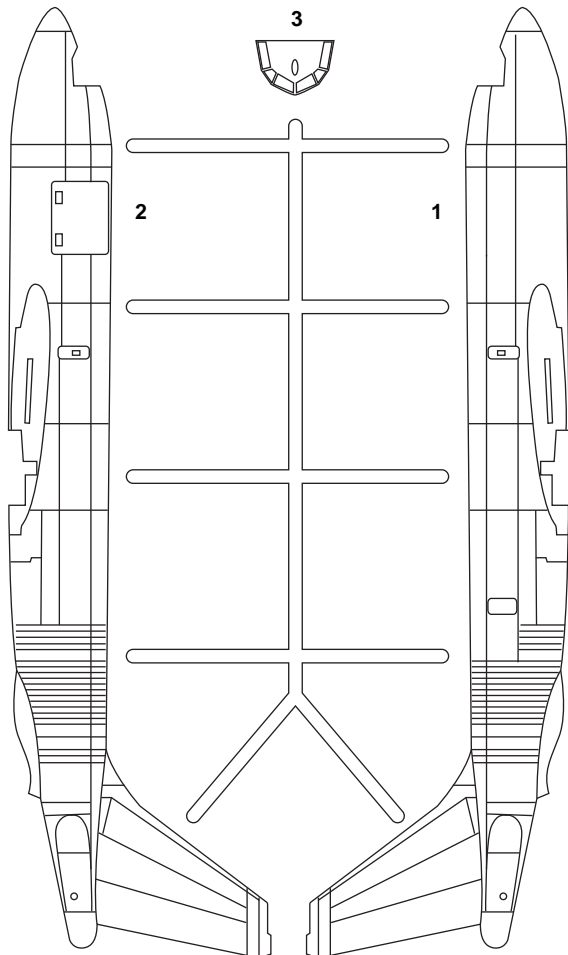
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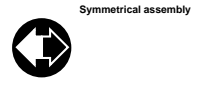
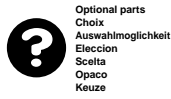
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PARTS LOCATING DIAGRAM KC-135R #14708



NOTE Parts shown in Gray are not for use.





BEFORE BEGINNING ASSEMBLY

Your MINICRAFT KC-135R has delicate parts by design for accuracy in this scale.

All parts should be cut from the parts sprue carefully with a hobby knife. A sprue cutter may damage smaller parts.

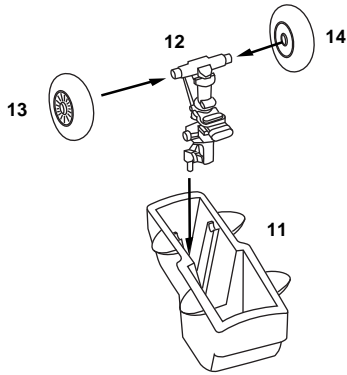
1 NOSE GEAR ASSEMBLY

2 FUSELAGE ASSEMBLY



All Parts

NOTE
If you are building your model with **RETRACTED** landing gear, disregard this step.

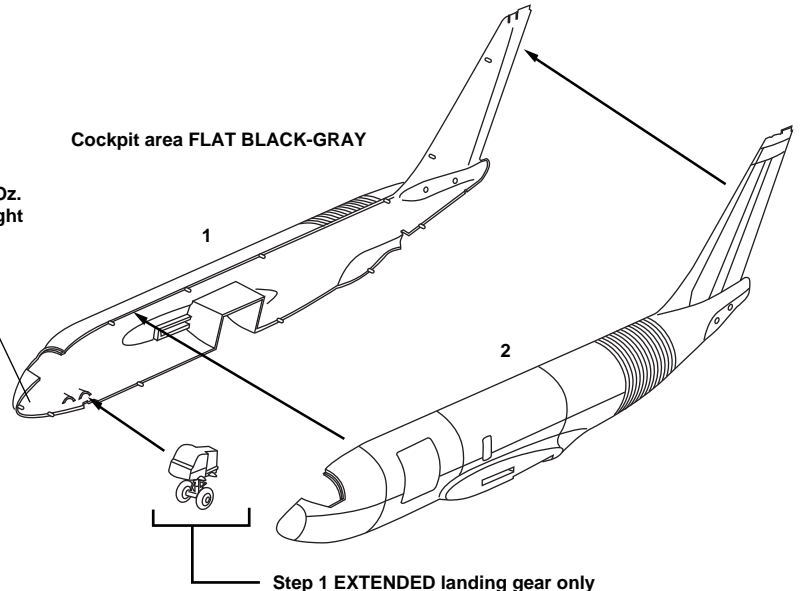


Wheel well interior **GLOSS WHITE / PRIMER GREEN**
Strut & wheel hubs **GLOSS WHITE / ALUMINUM**
Tires **FLAT BLACK-GRAY**

Add 1/2 Oz.
Noseweight



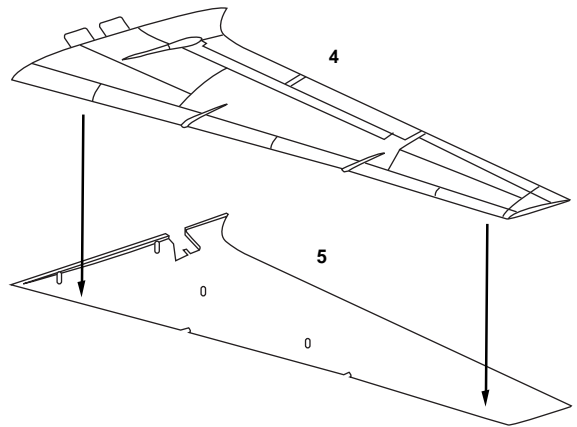
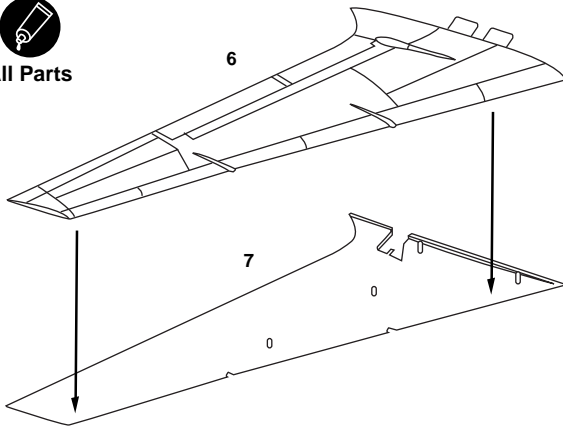
Cockpit area **FLAT BLACK-GRAY**



3 LEFT / RIGHT WINGS



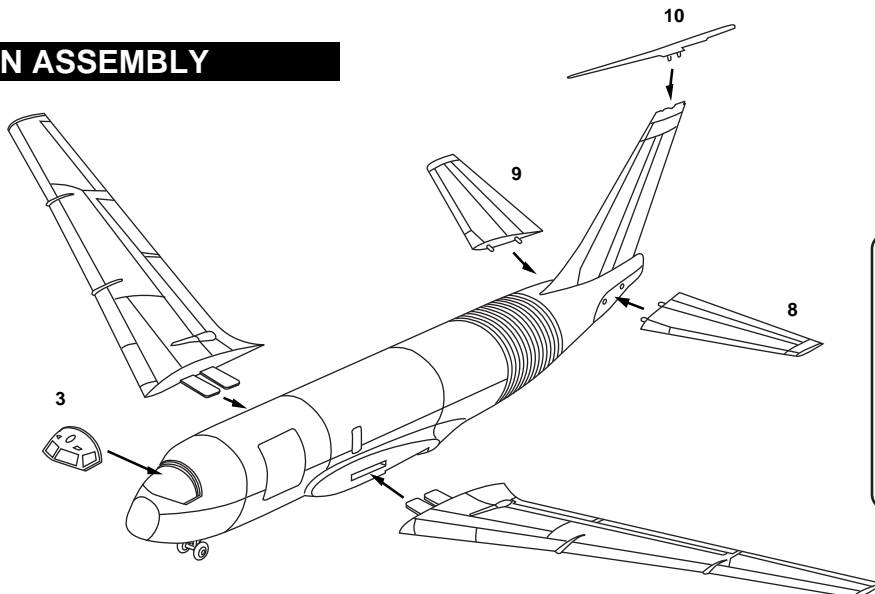
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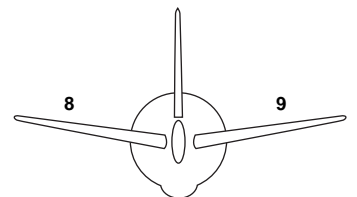
4 MAIN ASSEMBLY



All Parts



Note stabilizer angle of alignment

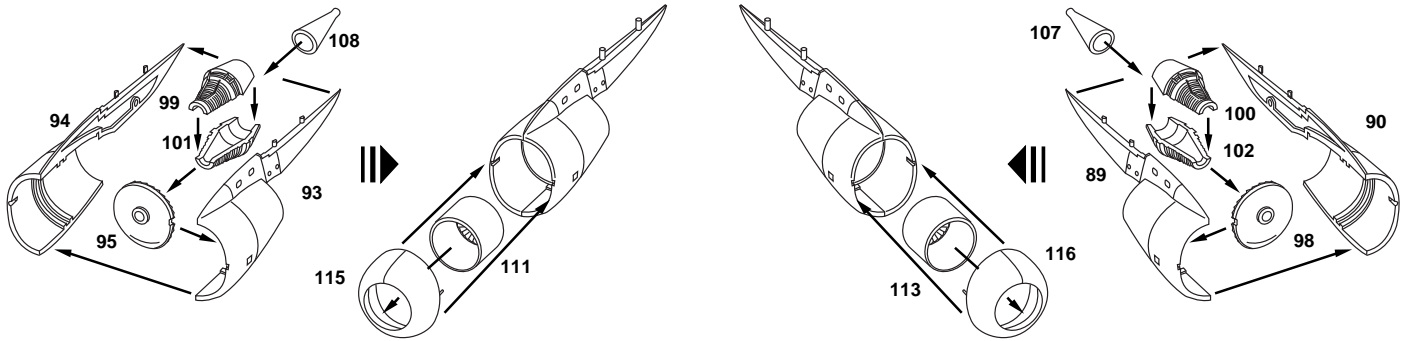


5 ENGINE ASSEMBLY (Outboard Engines)

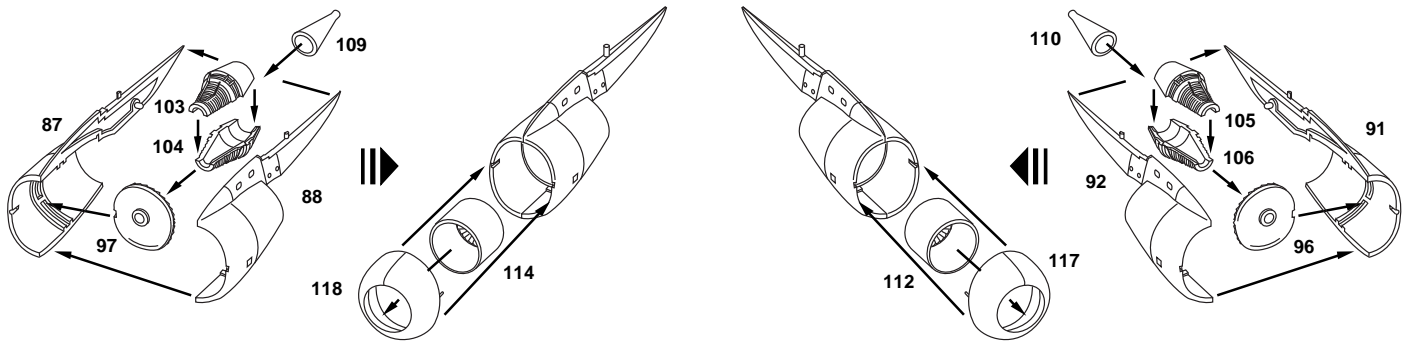


Compressor & bypass fans ALUMINUM
Aft engine assembly BURNT METAL
Intake interior GLOSS WHITE

All Parts

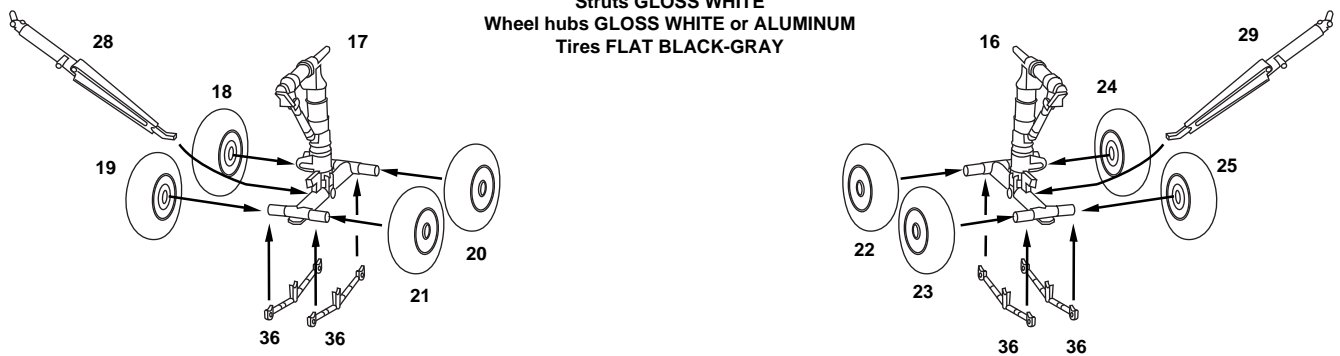


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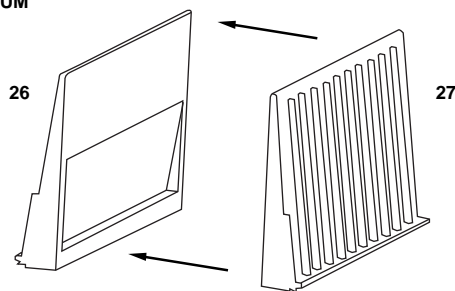
7 MAIN LANDING GEAR

Struts GLOSS WHITE
Wheel hubs GLOSS WHITE or ALUMINUM
Tires FLAT BLACK-GRAY



8 BALLAST TANK

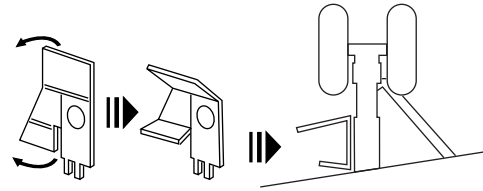
GLOSS WHITE, INTERIOR GREEN or ALUMINUM




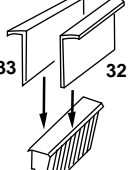
9 FINAL MAIN ASSEMBLY (Extended Landing Gear)

 All Parts

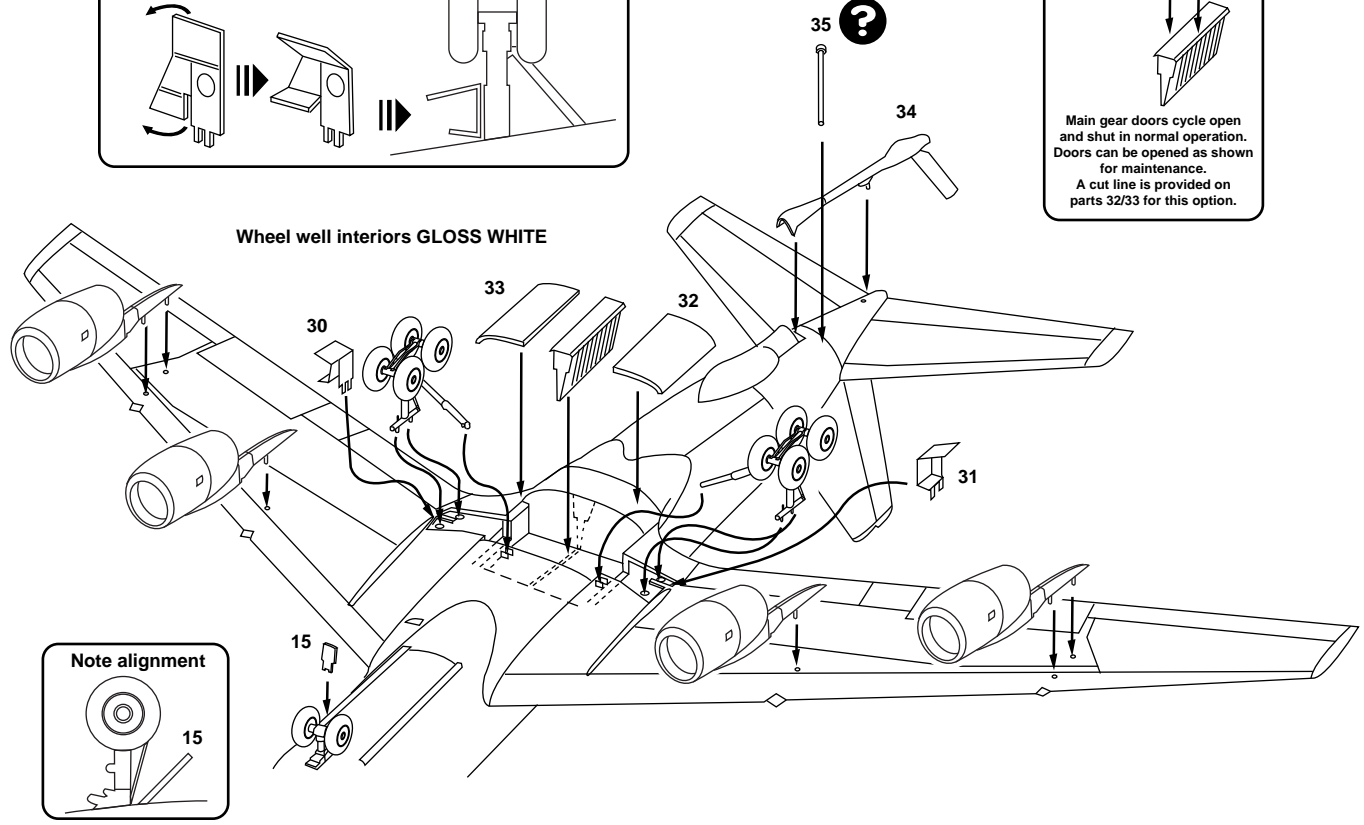
IMPORTANT
Carefully bend landing gear door parts 30/31 into position shown before assembling.



NOTE
Part 35 is an optional tail stand used on fully loaded aircraft, generally painted Yellow.

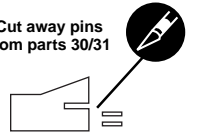
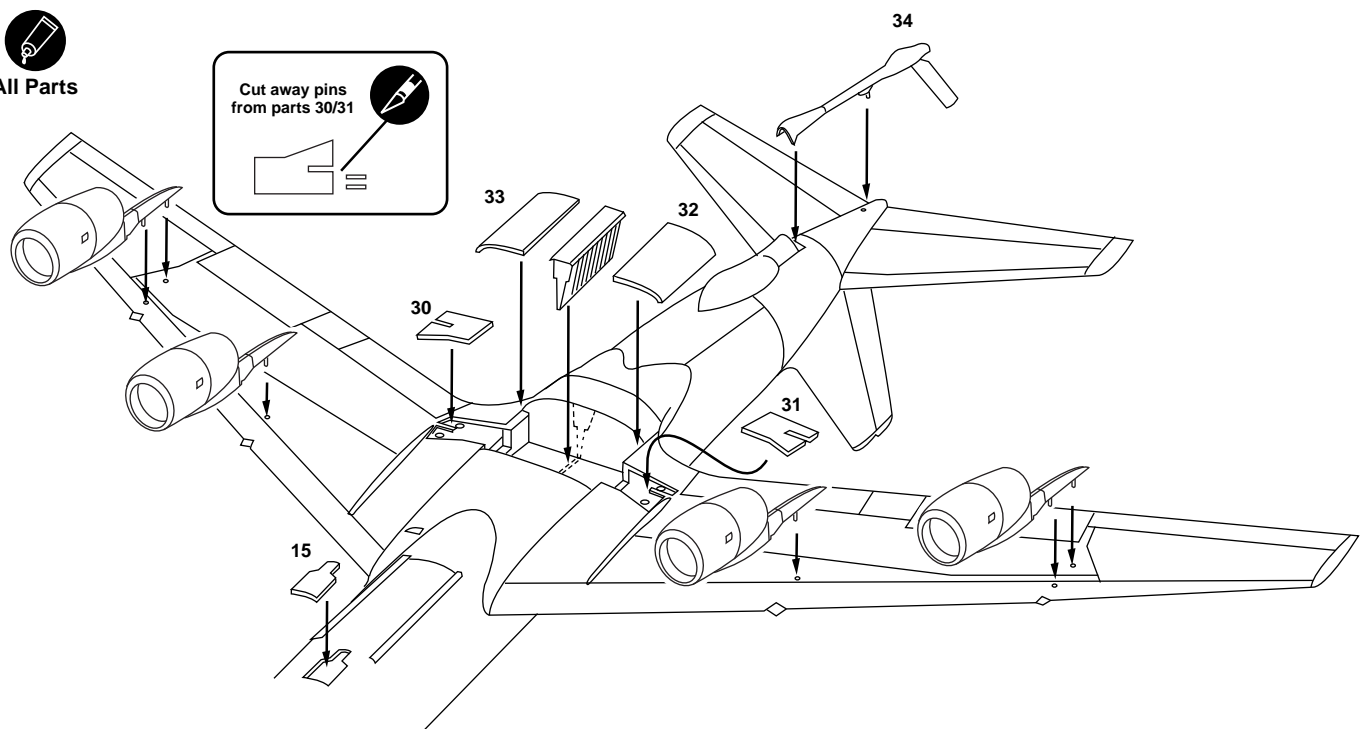
Main gear doors cycle open and shut in normal operation. Doors can be opened as shown for maintenance. A cut line is provided on parts 32/33 for this option.



10 FINAL MAIN ASSEMBLY (Retracted Landing Gear)

 All Parts

Cut away pins from parts 30/31

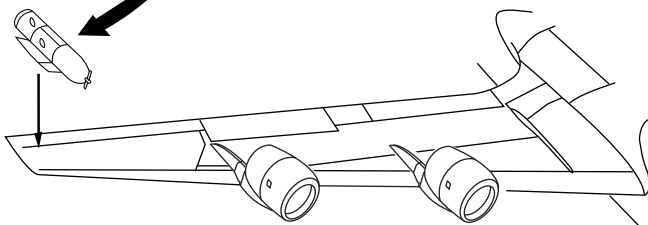
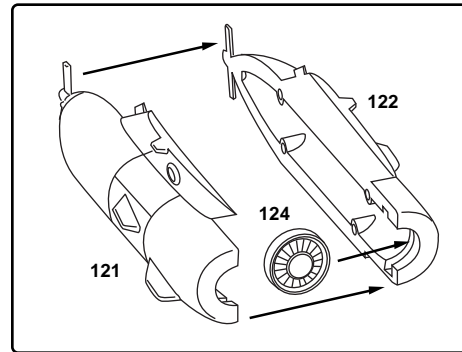
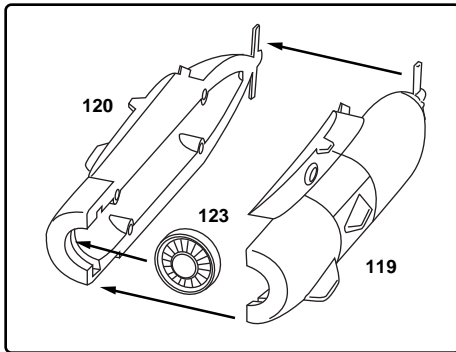



11 UNDERWING DROGUE PODS

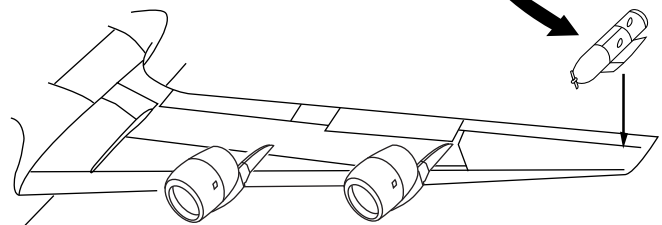


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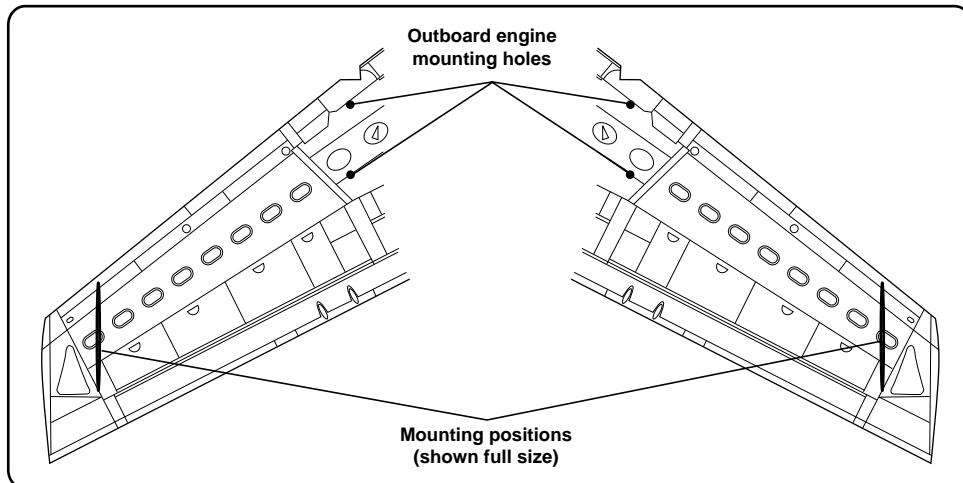
Drogue chute (123/124) LIGHT GRAY
Exterior UNDERSIDE COLOR



Left wing underside



Right wing underside



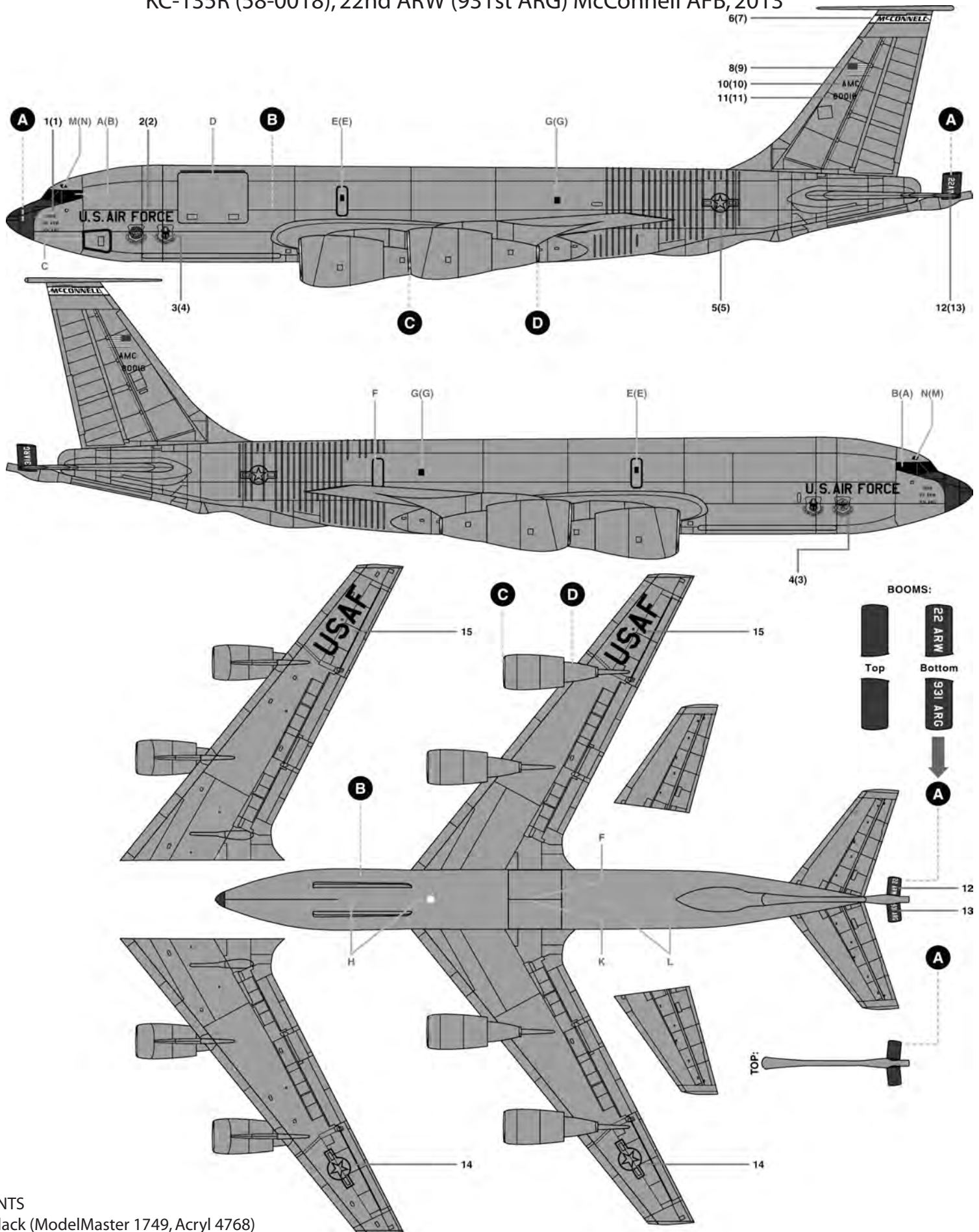
12 AUXILIARY POWER UNIT EXHAUST

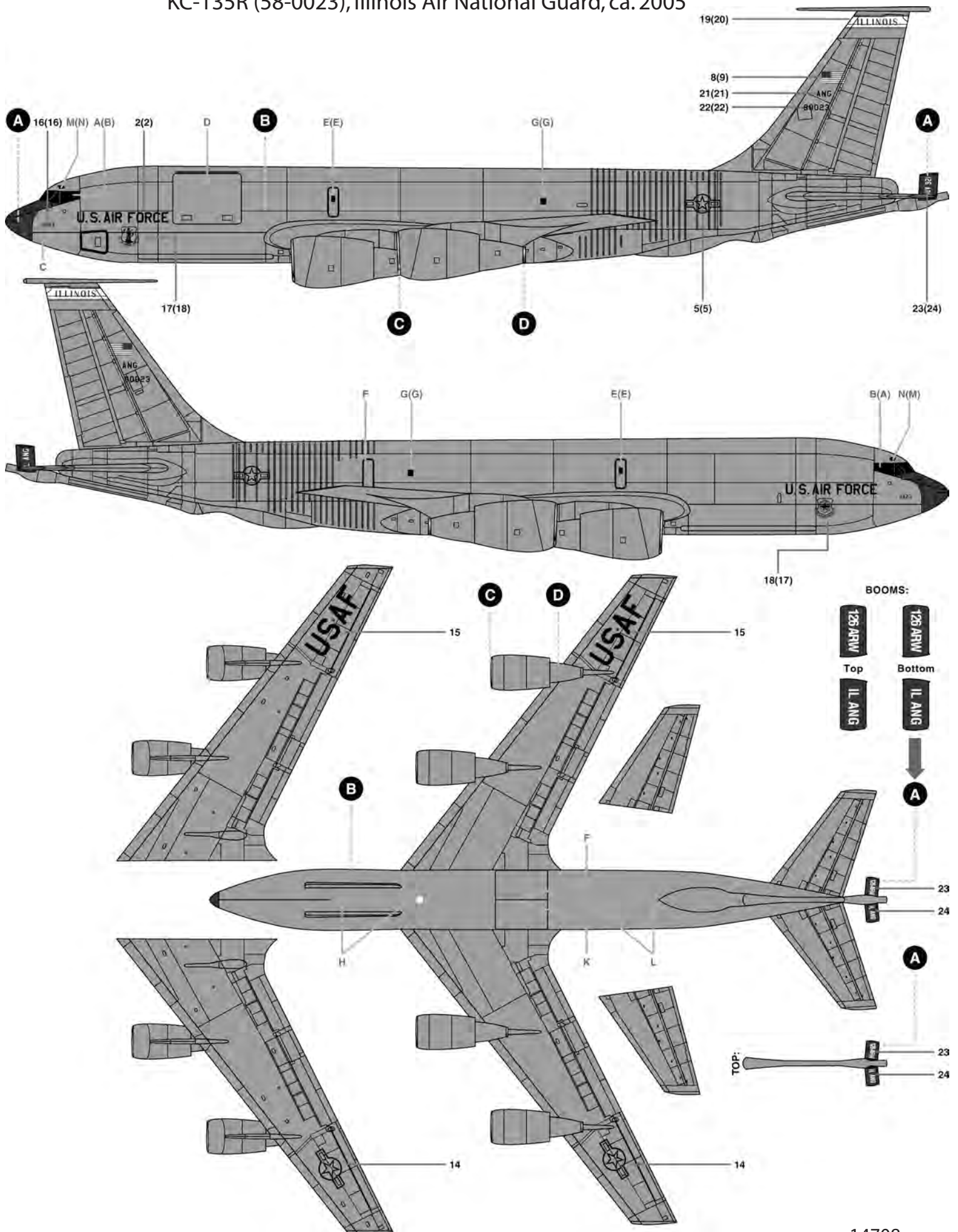


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Your Minicraft model includes high-quality waterslide decals. These decals adhere best to a glossy surface; and it is recommended that you apply a clear gloss coat over your painted model.

Use a sharp scissors or knife to cut individual decals from the carrier sheet. Do not cut into the clear film surrounding the individual decals.

- * It is recommended that you apply one decal at a time.
- * Place the decal section in warm water, when first inserted in the water your decal will curl, after approximately ten seconds the decal will uncurl. Remove from water and lay on a paper towel. After approximately 10 - 20 seconds the decal will slide freely from the backing paper. Use a small brush to help slide the decal from the backing paper and into position on the model. Carefully blot excess water from the decal, using care not to move the decal or tear it.
- * If you choose to use a setting solution, apply a thin coat over the decal following the manufacturer's instruction.
- * Allow the decal to dry overnight. Wash any adhesive residue off the model with a small amount of clean water and dry thoroughly.
- * Apply clear gloss, matte or flat coat to seal decals following the instructions from the manufacturer.



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