



Top Gun A-4 Skyhawk & “MiG-28” F-5 Conversion Decals

Instructions & Tips for Use:

The decals you have purchased are printed on high grade clear water slide decal paper. They are produced as an entire sheet and the individual decals are not separate on the transparent layer. The transparent sheet is very thin and conforms well to model contours, although a decal setting solution is still recommended. They are sealed with a clear coat to protect them during handling & application.

As the paper is clear the decals are semi-transparent and final colour is affected by the under-lying model colour giving a weathered/aged effect. Any pure white areas on the decal sheet will be completely clear on the decal and it is recommended to mask and paint the underlying area white if desired.

Sheet Specifics:

Decals are provided for the A-4 Skyhawk in either desert camouflage or navy grey; both of which are seen in the movie. Correct paint finishes and aircraft numbers combinations are:

- Desert Camouflage – 151095 – 55
- Navy Grey – 152101 – 53

Pilot names/Call Signs include the “LT. HENDRICKS PYRO” plane, as seen in the movie, and options for both Jester and Viper.

If doing the F-5/“MiG-28” in black you might find the transparent red star decals appear too faded. For this reason, there are also included red star decals on white decal paper which will give a less translucent finish. It is recommended you experiment with both types on a test strip with your final paint finish to check which you prefer.



Application:

1. It is recommended to pre-apply a gloss clear coat to the model surface and let dry.
2. Consider testing transparency and surface adhesion on a sample surface with similar finish to your model using the “TEST” decals included.
3. Plan out the actual decal placement.
4. Each separate decal needs to be pre-trimmed to the exact dimensions and fit you wish to have on the model surface.
5. Use sharp scissors or a craft knife/scalpel to trim to the edges of the decal potentially leaving a “stalk” of backing paper to ease handling of the smaller decals when wetting.
6. Score the transparent surface between the decal and the stalk so that the decal itself will slide free.
7. Place decal into warm water for 20-30 seconds (no longer).
8. Slide the decal onto the part surface and position using a toothpick or cotton bud.
9. Use a paper towel, or cotton bud, to remove excess water.
10. Apply decal setter and let cure. This will help adhesion and conformation.
11. Spray a clear coat to seal and protect the decals.



Bespoke decal sets can be produced to order. Send detailed requirements in email (below) and get a quote without charge.

Best regards & enjoy your modelling.

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