

KB-29P TANKER

1/72 Scale

The first widescale American use of in-flight refueling took place in 1948 when a number of B-29s were converted to KB-29M tankers for the Strategic Air Command. Initially, the intent was to transfer fuel to other converted B-29s designated B-29MR (for receiver).

These aircraft used the British developed system of trailing lines, houses and a grapnel hook to catch and reel in the 3" fuel hose. When everything was in place, the tanker turned on the valves and refueled the awaiting receiver aircraft from its two 2,500 gallon fuel tanks carried in the bomb bay.

Later, a Boeing designed flying boom made in-flight-refueling much easier as the telescopic boom nozzle could be directed into the receiving receptacle. It was this system that was designated KB-29P and was used during the Korean War to refuel fighter aircraft on long ferry flights. The box illustration is based on the 1952 flight of seventy-five F-84G fighters flown from Texas to Misawa, Japan.

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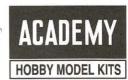


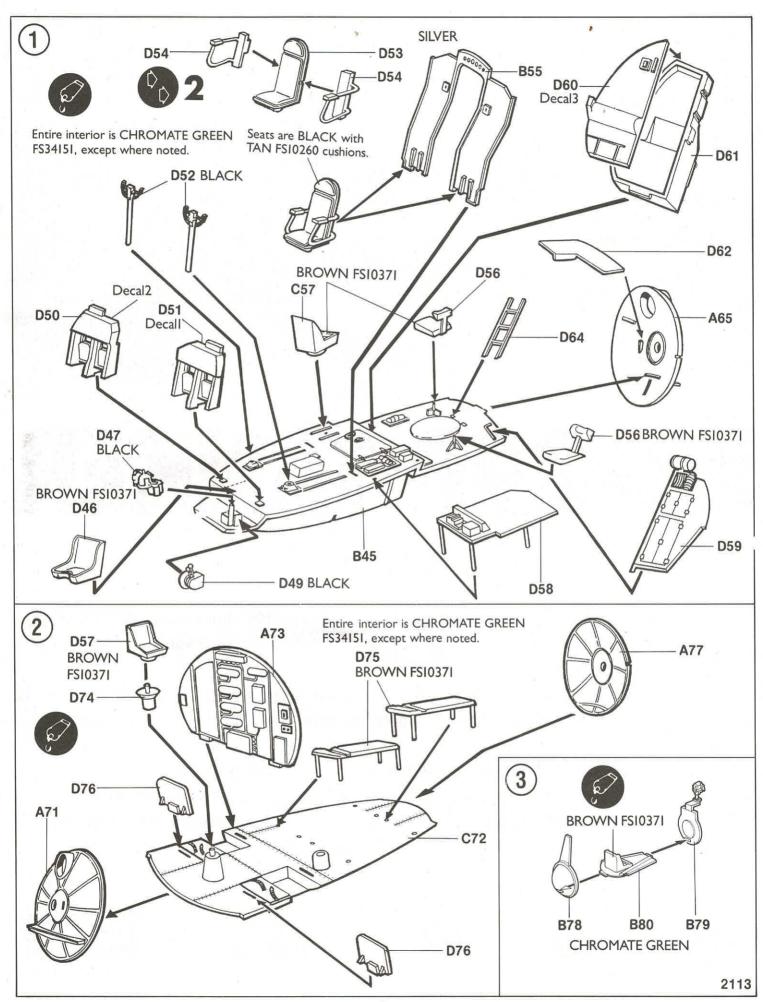
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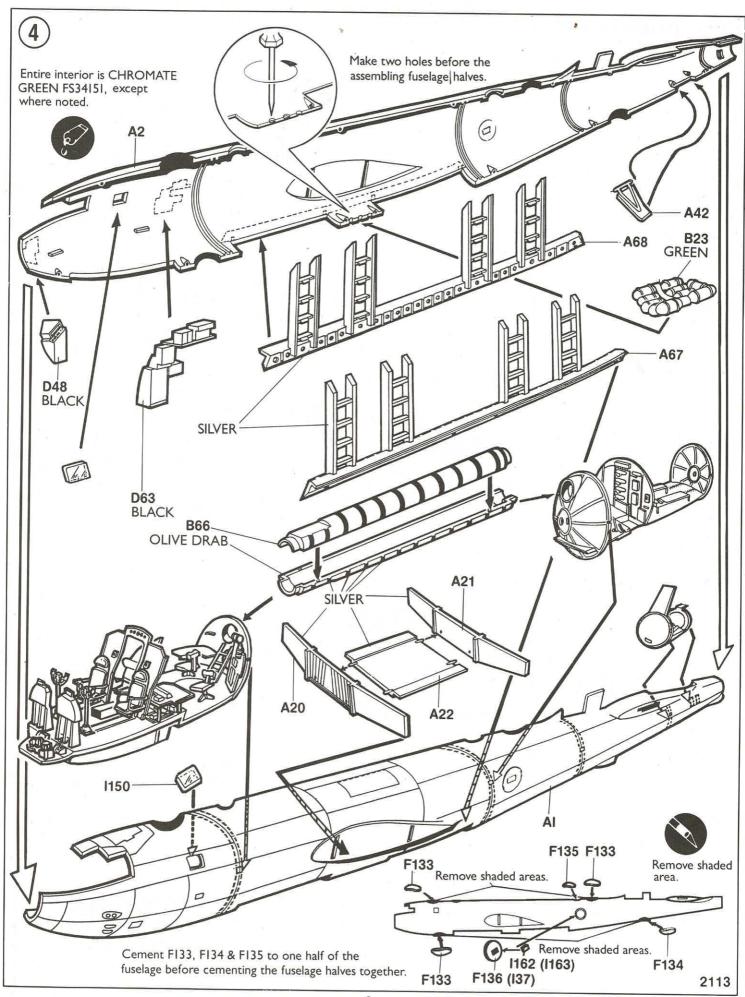


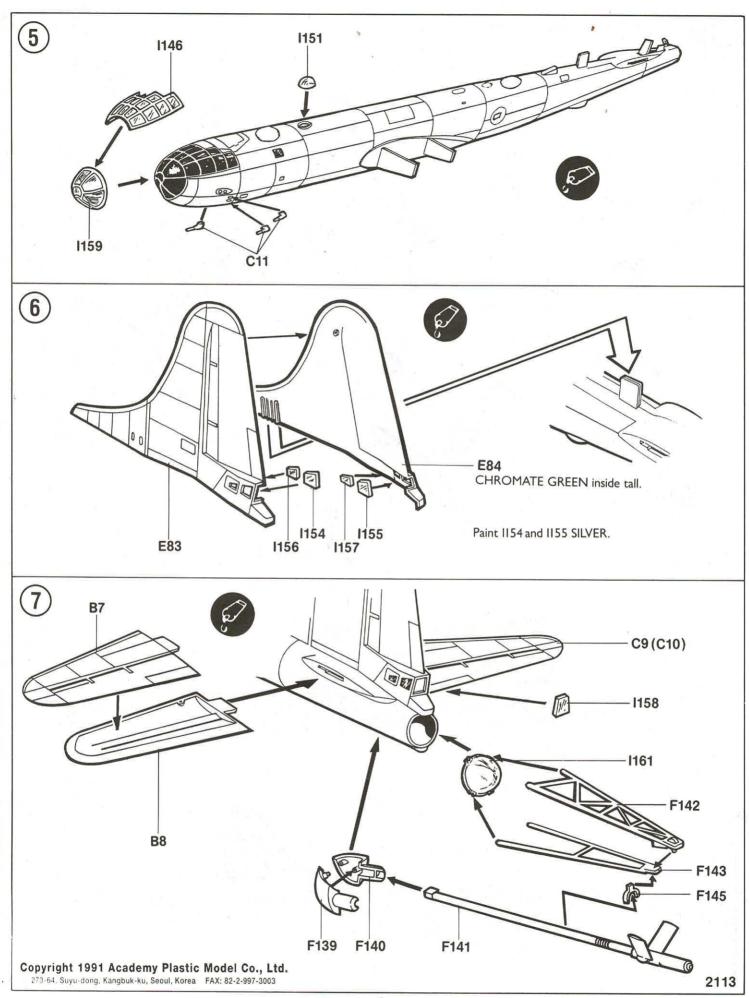
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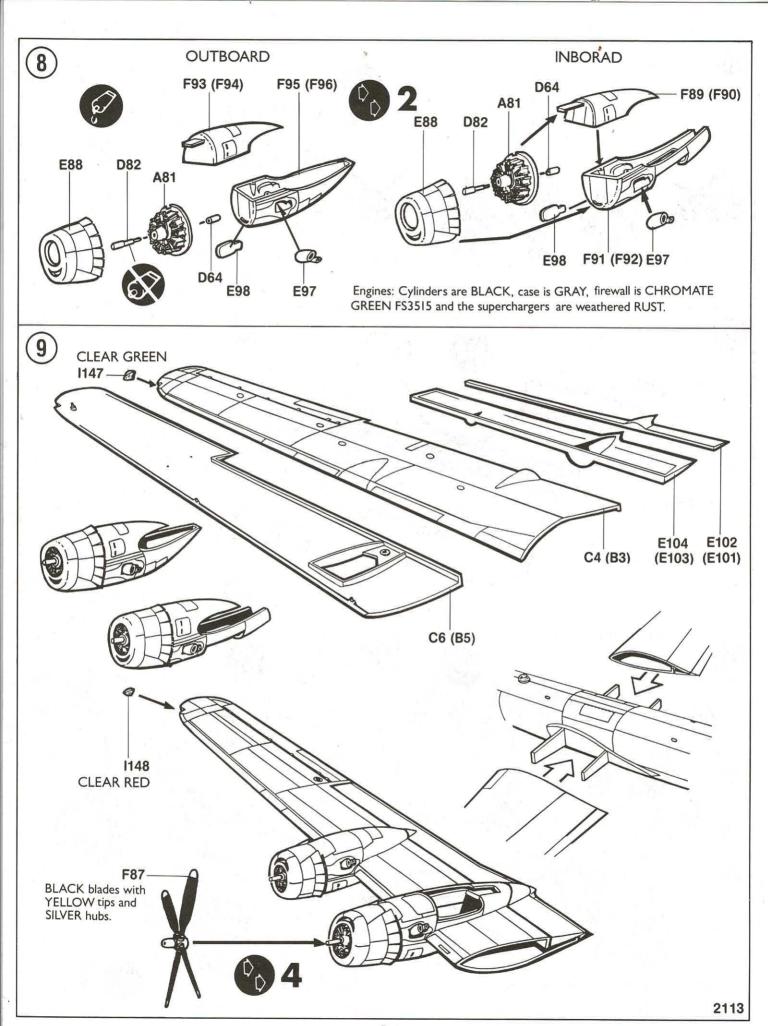
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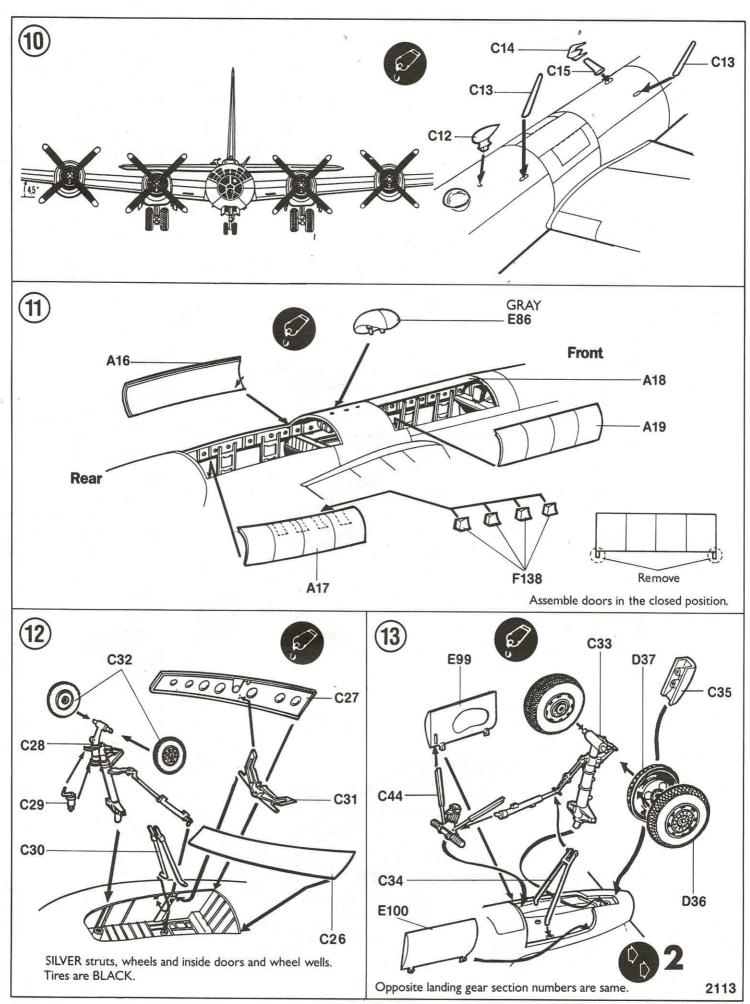


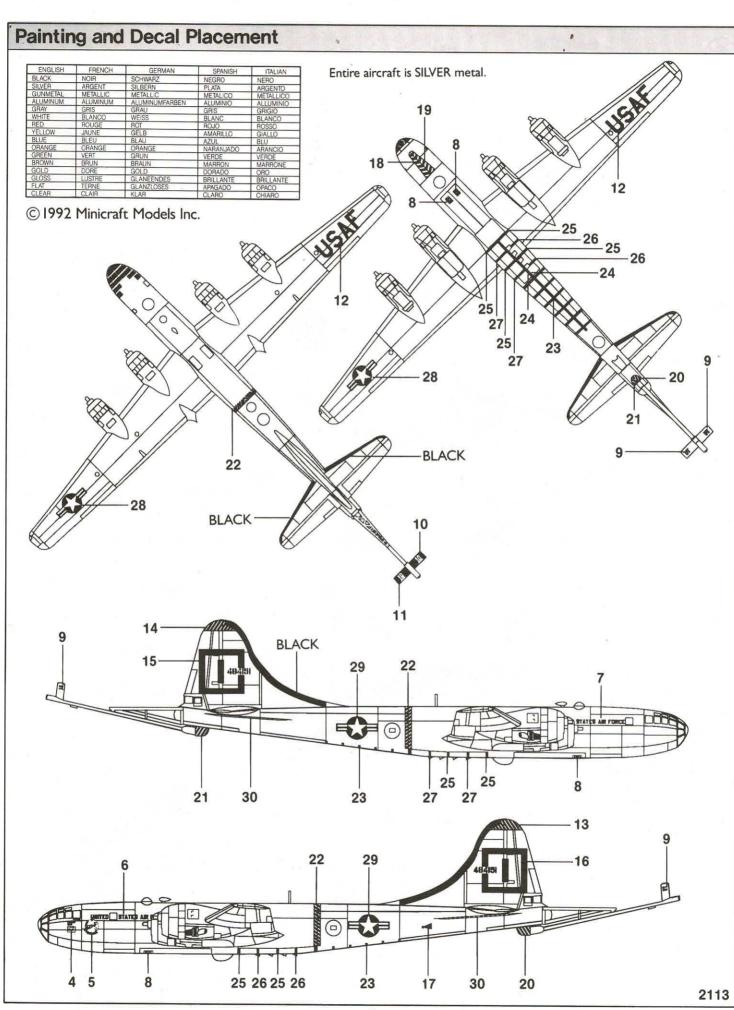












Parts Locating Diagram.

