NORTH AMERICAN MUSIANG P-51D Kit No.JS-101 1/72 Scale Series The U.S. Army Fighter Plane





HISTORY

P-51D Mustang was designated as the world's superior fighter during the World War II; the prototype NA-73, an order placed by the British, first flew on October 26, 1940. By October of 1941, the Mustang fighters were delivered to the Royal Air Force. Due to its excellent performance, the U.S. Army tested the P-51 and P-51A--calling it the XP-51. Further the P-51B and P-51C models were produced replacing the Blitish Rolls Royce Merlin engine with the Packard Merline, and consequently its performance was greatly increased. In 1944, for wider visibility the canopy was replaced by the dew type and the P-51D was further remodeled by forming a dorsal fin in front of the vertical stabilizer; in result, this aircraft improved in its practical performance and was mass-produced. In the Pacific war front, from April of 1945, it was served to escort the B-29 at the Iwojima base--- achieving its distinguish in the long distance raid on Japan.

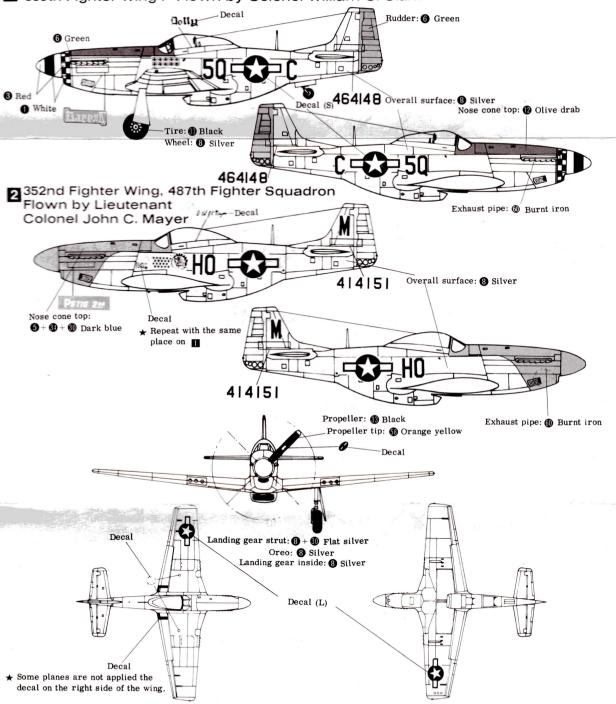
In the P-51 series, it ranges from XP-51 to P-51M and 14,819 aircrafts were built in all. Over half of these crafts was built in the P-51D model. This model was still in service when the jet fighters appeared in the Korean war. Today, it has changed its activity to the civilian speed racer, and this prop fighter is still the most popular fighter among the aircraft fans through the world.

DATA

Crew: 1 / Engine: Packard Merlin, V-1650-7 Water-cooled V-12, 1,650 Hp. / Width: 11.28 m / Length: 9.82 m / Wing area: 21.8 m 2 Weight, full load: 4,536 - 5,260 kg / Max. speed: 706 km/h / Landing speed: 161 km/h / Ceiling: 12,490 m / Range: without auxiliary tank 1,530 km, with auxiliary tank 3,686 km / Armament: 12.7 mm machine gun x 6 (in wing), for land attack beside above, it can carry 227 - 454 kg bomb x 2 or 5 inch rocket bomb x 6

Marking & Color Painting Guide

1 339th Fighter Wing / Flown by Colonel William C. Clark



PAINTING

Most P-51Ds were employed with their surfaces unpainted, but some were painted olive drab and newtral gray. Of these unpainted planes, their wings were painted silver dope to produce a good effect on the laminar airfoil and were throughly polished.

Paint the pilot seat around zinc chromate and khaki green, the instrument panel and its upper part mat black, and the nose cone either olive drab or black for anti-glare purpose. Paint the inside of the landing gear cover, the landing gear strut, wheel and the tail wheel strut silver.

HOW TO APPLY DECALS

- Cut out the decal and remove the film covering, then place in water for 20 seconds.
- 2. Slide off the decal from the paper and position it at the proper place.
- Press the transferred decal with a soft cloth and remove the moisture.

