

Supermarine Spitfire Mk.IXc/Mk.IXe

Plastic model

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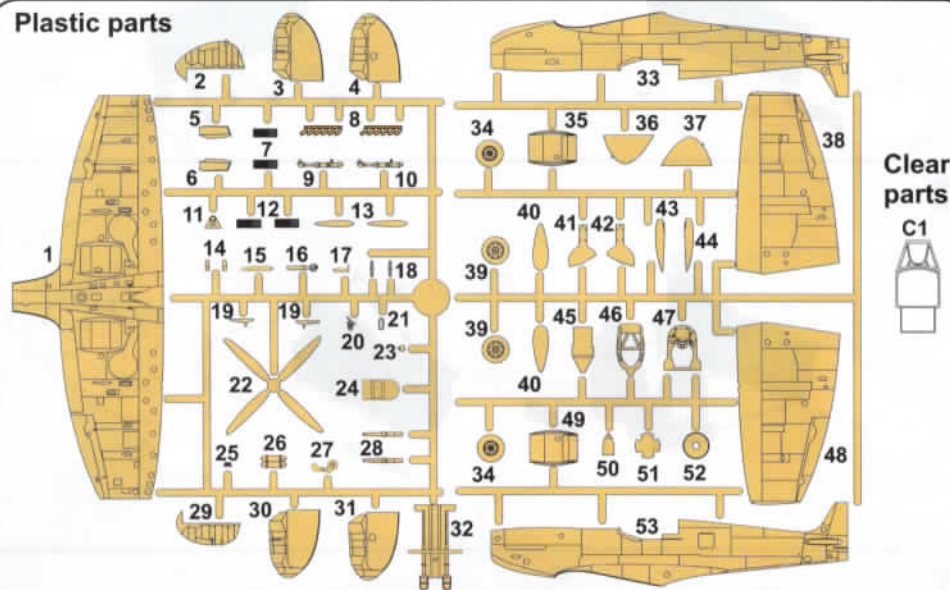
History note

The Spitfire Mk IX was originally developed as a stopgap measure as a response to the appearance of the Focke-Wulf FW 190A. The first response to this threat was the Mk VIII, but this aircraft involved a significant redesign of the basic Spitfire, and would take time to produce in the numbers required. The Mk IX provided an alternative solution to the problem. It used the same Merlin 60/70 series engines at the Mk VIII, but in a slightly modified Mark Vc fuselage. This allowed for rapid development and production of the new model. Spitfire IXc was also known had the "universal wing". This wing was structurally modified to reduce labour and manufacturing time plus it was designed to allow mixed armament options; A type, B type, or four 20 mm Hispano cannon. Spitfire IX e had structurally unchanged wing from the Spitfire IX c version. The .303 machine guns mounted in the outer wings were no longer fitted as most aircraft at that time had armour impetrable by .303 bullets. The 20 mm Hispano cannon were moved outboard and a more effective .50 calibre Browning .50 cal heavy machine guns with 250 rpg was added to the inner gun-bay. Many Spitfires had their rounded wingtips replaced by shorter, squared off fairings to improve low-altitude performance and enhance the roll rate. These are sometimes referred to as "LF" versions, e.g. LF.IX. The total number of Mark IX (and variants) produced was 5,665, more than any other Mark.

Armament: "C" variant - 2 canons 20 mm,
4 machine-guns 7,7 mm

Armament: "E" variant - 2 canons 20 mm
2 machine-guns 12,7 mm

Plastic parts

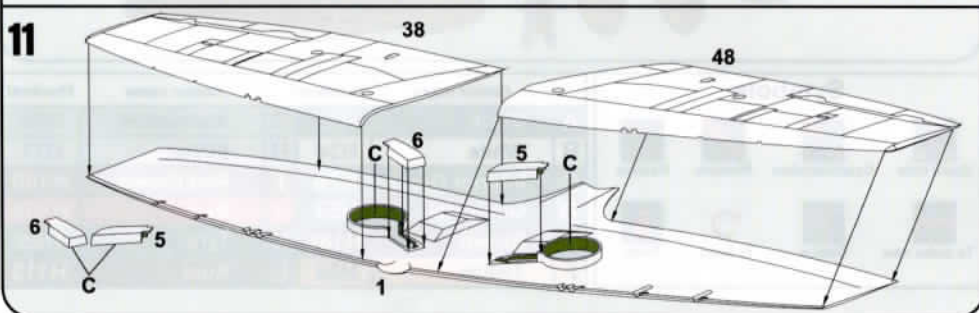
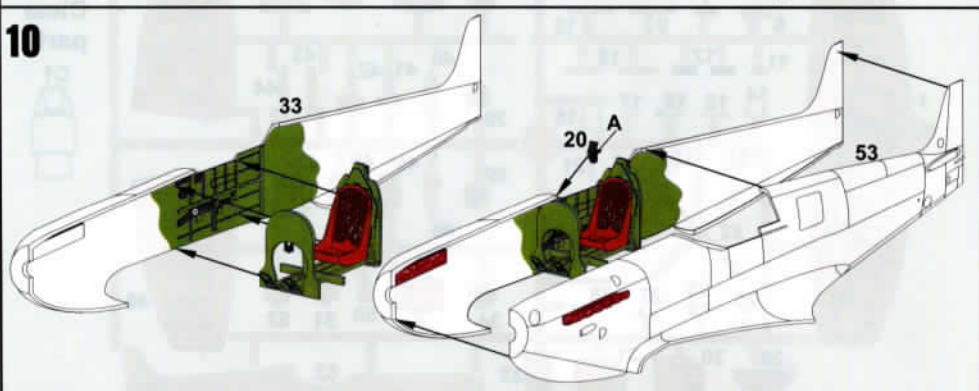
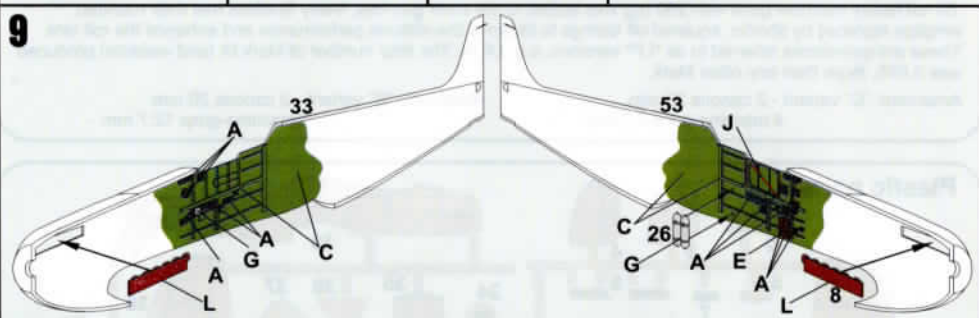
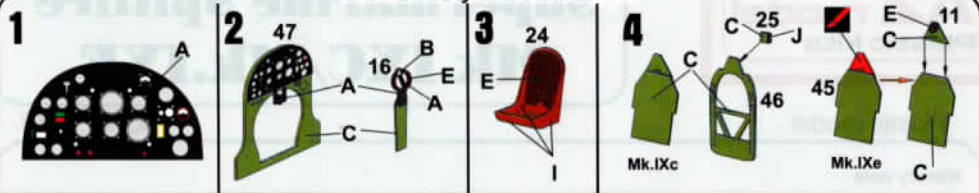


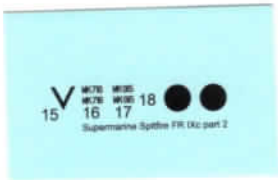
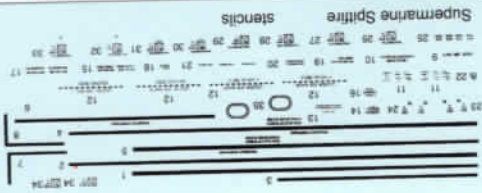
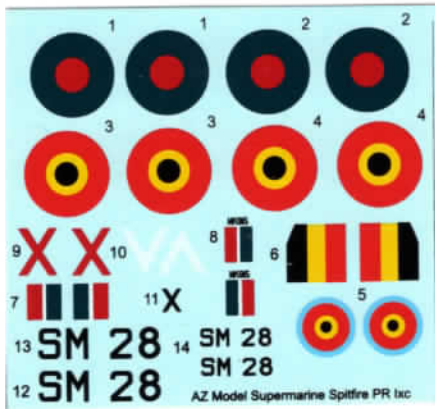
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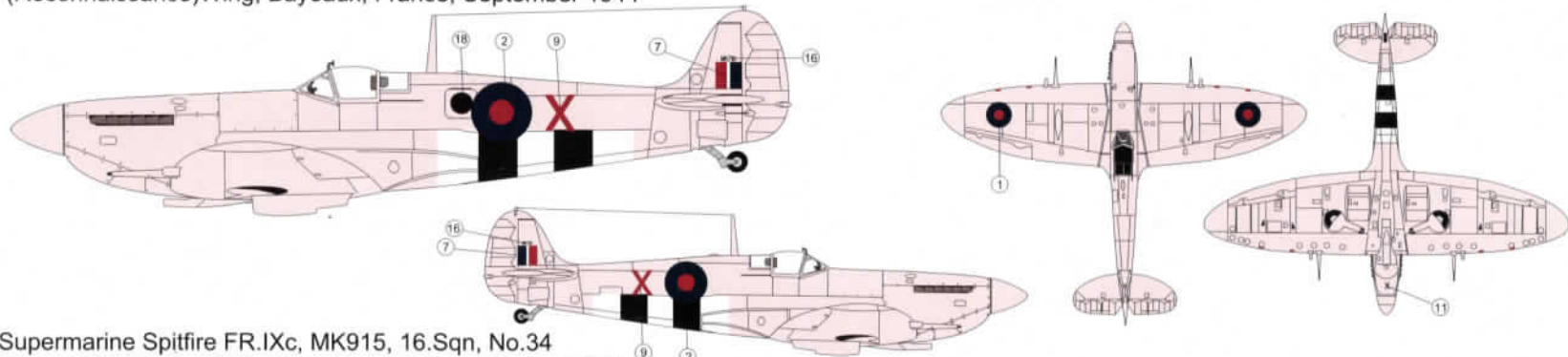
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A	Black	H33	G Aluminium	H56
B	White	H34	H Silver	H11
C	Interior Green	H76	I Red Brown	H100
D	Gunmetal	H53	J Red	H132
E	Brown	H186	K Tyre	H85
F	Yellow	H24	L Rust	H113

Assembly instructions

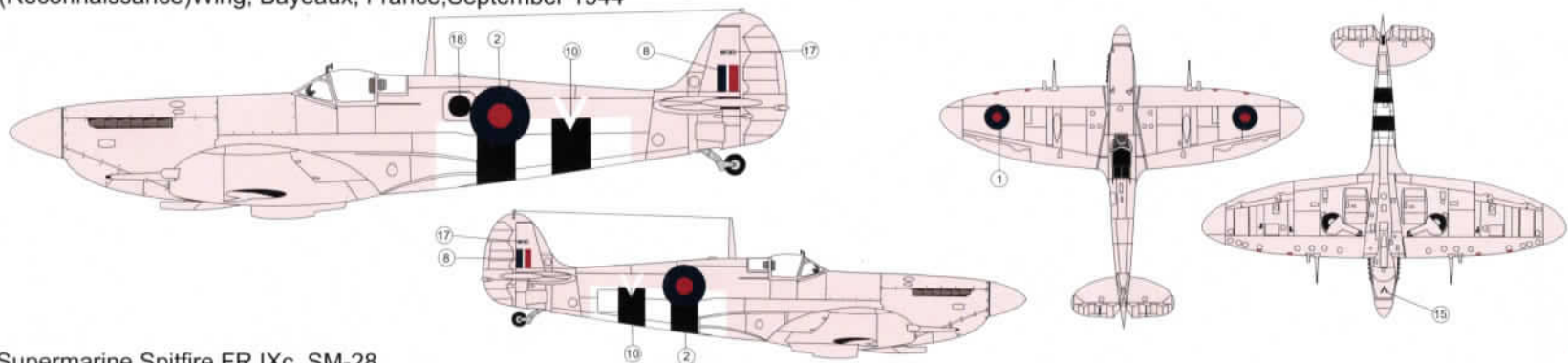




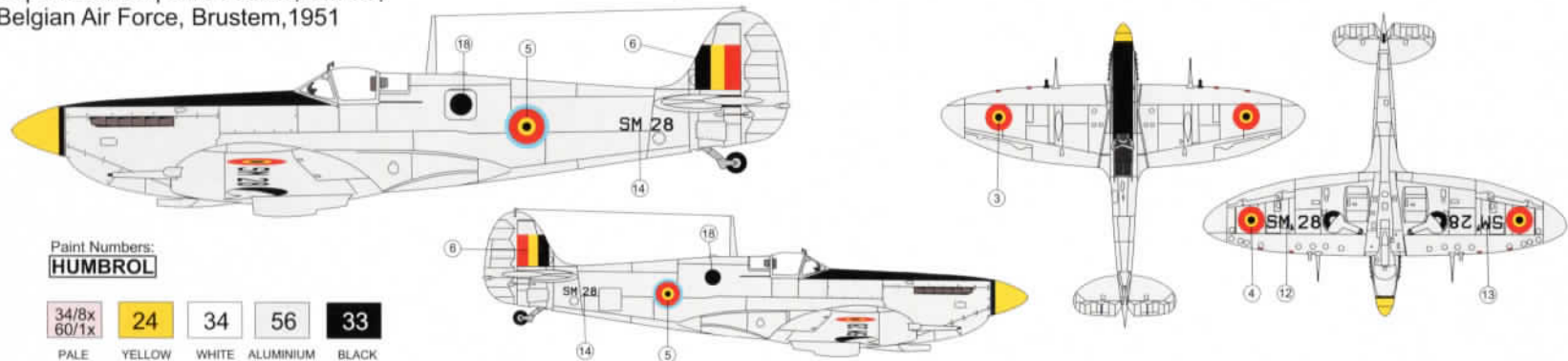
1 Supermarine Spitfire FR.IXc, MK716, 16.Sqn, No.34
(Reconnaissance)Wing, Bayeaux, France, September 1944



2 Supermarine Spitfire FR.IXc, MK915, 16.Sqn, No.34
(Reconnaissance)Wing, Bayeaux, France, September 1944



3 Supermarine Spitfire FR.IXc, SM-28,
Belgian Air Force, Brustem, 1951



Paint Numbers:

HUMBROL

34/8x
60/1x

24

34

56

33

PALE
PINK

YELLOW

WHITE

ALUMINIUM

BLACK