

# CF-18 CANADA COMBAT HORNETS - STANDARD OPERATIONAL MARKINGS

## CF-18A SINGLE SEAT & CF-18B TWIN SEAT OPTIONS

Decal sets:  
 72.87 1/72 Scale  
 48.87 1/48 Scale  
 32.87 1/32 Scale

**Leading Edge**  
 MODELS



188735  
 Prior to application of mission marks and Sicily logo.

Upper gray 425 sqdn logo & Sicily logo applied after operations.

CF-18s of "Operation Mobile" based in Sicily for operations over Libya 2011.



188734 425 Sqdn logo is not completely painted out. Decal provide to show the ghost appearance of the logo.

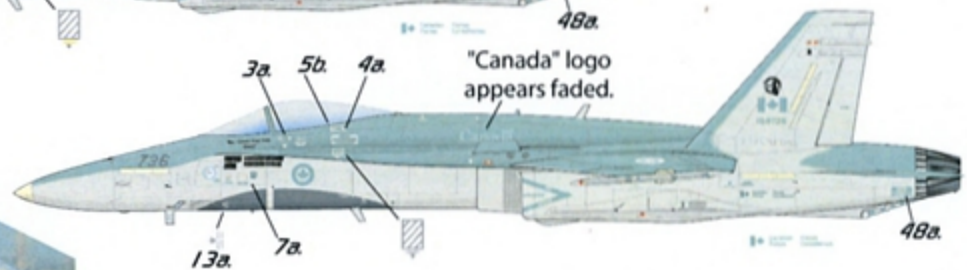


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188736 starboard rudder is painted #36257 on both sides.

"Canada" logo appears faded.



Note: Squadron logos were sprayed over with touch up paint for combat operations.

Underside of 188759 appears untouched from 1980s with "CAF" instead of roundel but "759" is touched up to a darker gray. 188759 has since been repainted to current markings.



188759

425 logo used after Sicily logo removed.



188767

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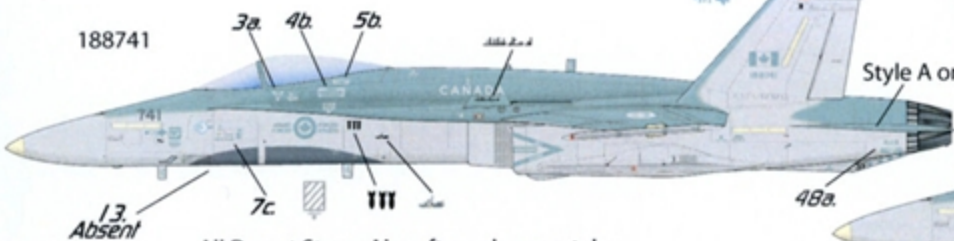
# Desert Storm CF-18s 1991

Most squadron logos were removed for operations but a few were left on. Originally 416 and 439 aircraft but also aircraft from 421 and 441 were used.

188741 was from 421 squadron in 1990 but logo removed for Desert Storm.

ARABIAN GULF 1990-91

Leading Edge MODELS



All Desert Storm Aircraft used same styles for 3a., 4b., 5b., 7c., 44b., 48a. unless noted.



Black only 441 checkers late 1991.



All Desert Storm aircraft used RCAF Font numbers and Style A. "NO STEP".



Note: 188798 was one of only a few aircraft in theater with the new style "Canada" markings. Contrary to side view art published photos available only show the boat kill marking. 416 tail and lex fence logo applied after Desert Storm.



Use this variation of intake warning for 188798.

# Balkan Rat CF-18s 1999



Bear claw for 425 option only.

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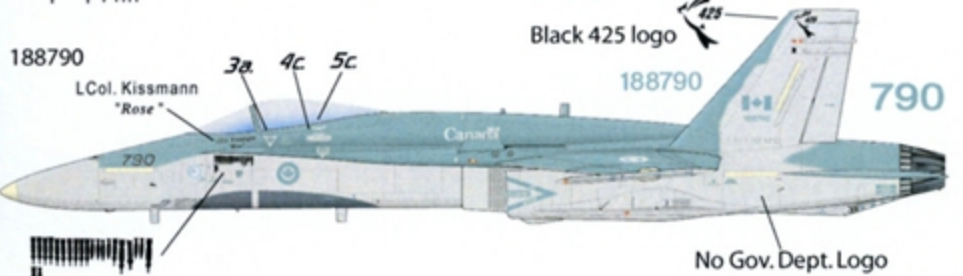
188774 Stabs replaces Styles C. or D.



Dark Gray/Black Anti-slip Walkway

188776

Style D.



Black 425 logo

188790

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No Gov. Dept. Logo



188795

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Richard Girouard photo



Richard Girouard photo

188786 Tupolev 160 "Black Jack" Bomber Intercept

Helvetica Font

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Gray #36375

Rudder painted #35237 both sides

#43b.

433 logo starboard  
425 logo port side

188791 1990  
Demonstration Jet

791

188792 Cyrillic "Check Six" Markings

792

#56 & #57 removed.

смотри назад

смотри вперед

"Early" CANADA markings.

RCAF FONT

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188777

Capt Steve Nerlich "BENT"

188777 1996 William Tell  
Gunnery Competition "Top Gun"

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188718

Helvetica Font

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188718 Tupolev 98 "Bear" Bomber 2x Intercepts



Derek Heyes photo

## NOSE NUMBERS

Small numbers; Used from delivery. Larger RCAF font started to appear around 1991 originally vertical as provided on 188758 & 188798 options in this set. Skewed numbers appeared very soon and were used on most aircraft. Desert Storm aircraft were a mix of number styles.

#56. & #57. Emergency canopy jettison removed in the late 1980's.

012345677899 style "A" small numbers

0123456789 style "B" large skewed RCAF font numbers



Outline Border Flag

RCAF Official Font Style Numbers

1980's "Early"



CANADA



012345677899

1990's "New"



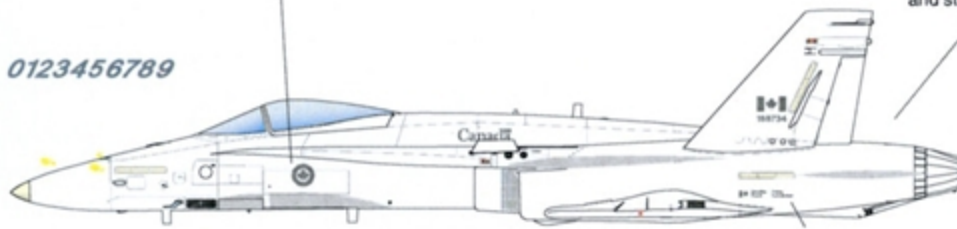
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"Helvetica" Font Style Numbers

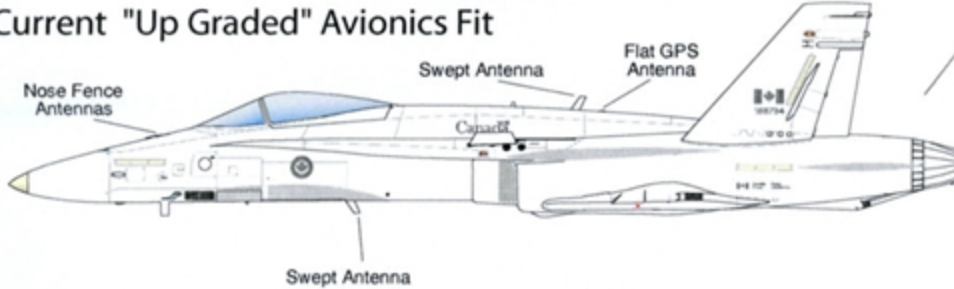
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Gov. dept. logos applied to rear area. 2/3 flag changed to full flag many years ago but disregard to official drawings is the norm for this detail. Both styles still common.

## Current "Up Graded" Avionics Fit



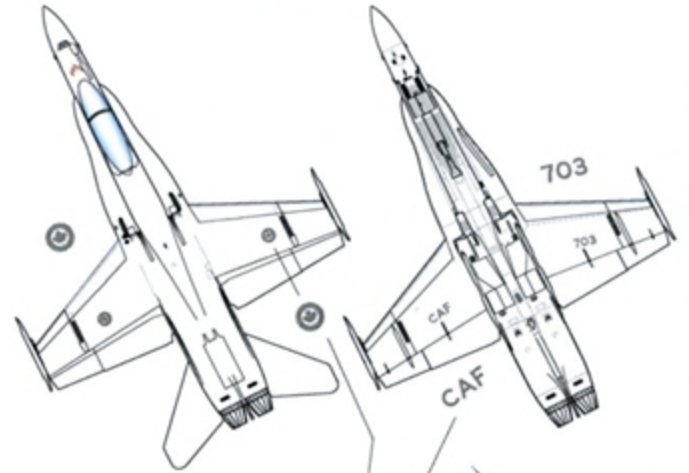
409, 421 & 439  
Baden, Germany



425 & 433  
Bagotville Quebec



410, 416 & 441  
Cold Lake, Alberta

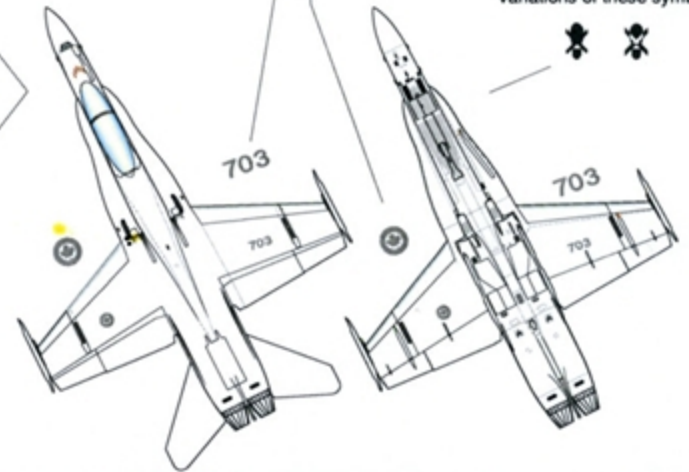


Several CF-18s have not been completely repainted and still have early RCAF font numbers in some places.

Wing markings changed with the removal of the "CAF" to upper and lower roundel and last 3 digit numerals upper and lower wings.

NO STEP

"NO STEP" changed to symbols. In spite of official drawings there are several variations of these symbols.



Note: CAF CF-18 standards markings are today not followed exactly to painting orders so many variations of graphics, numbers and stencils now used.

