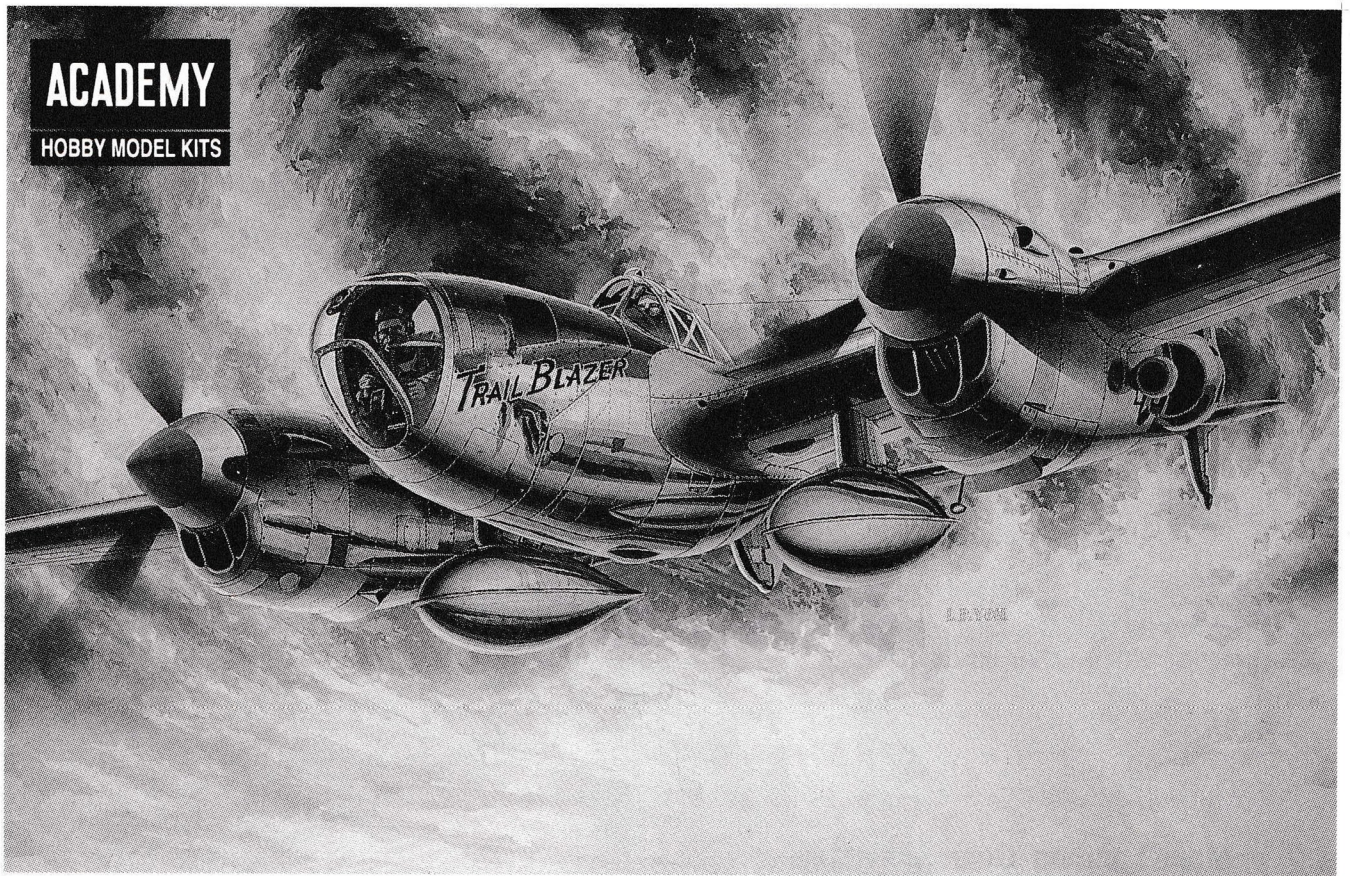


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# **LOCKHEED P-38J DROOPSNOOT**

## **1/48th scale**

Once it was discovered that the P-38 could carry the same bomb load as a B-17, but much faster, it was not long before the fighter-bomber abilities of the Lightning were put to work.

Colonels Cass Hough and Don Ostrander of the 8th Air Force developed the idea of using the P-38 as a strategic bomber. By adding a bombardier-navigator and a Norden bomb sight, a single modified P-38 could lead a flight of normal Lightnings on bombing raids deep into Europe. Their advantages were obvious when compared to the B-17 or B-24.

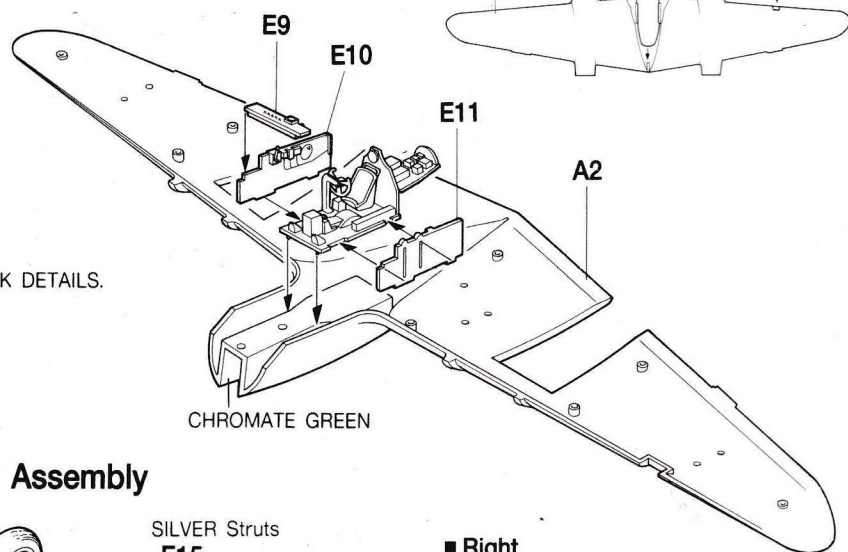
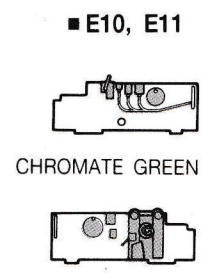
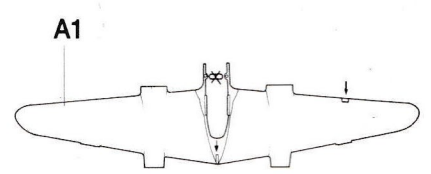
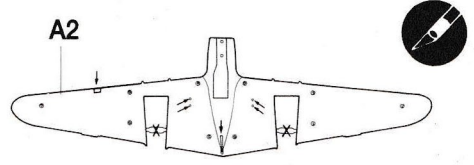
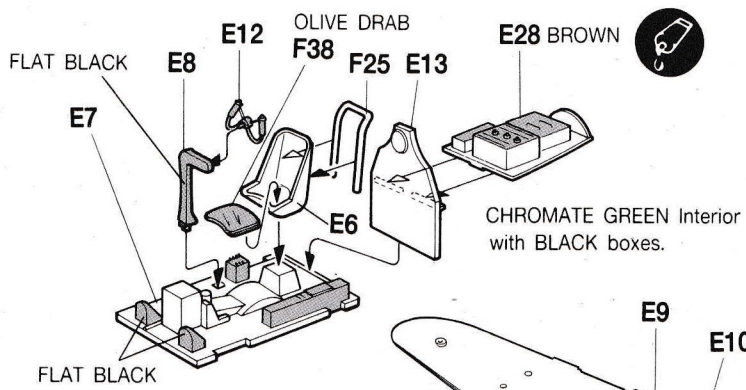
The Lightning could carry the same bomb weight, but at much faster speeds, needed no fighter protection and used only one tenth of the crew required for a heavy bomber. First flown in February 1944, the Air Force gingerly tested the concept with three aircraft. Quickly fifteen more were added; then Lockheed was commissioned to manufacture conversion kits for field installation. Altogether, it is estimated that about 100 Droopsnoot aircraft were assembled.

There appears to be considerable debate over the bomb or fuel load carried by the Droopsnoot. It is likely the Droopsnoot aircraft carried a reduced load of bombs or drop tanks since it already had the added weight of a second crew member and the equipment required for precision bombing and navigation. Photographs of fully loaded droopsnoots are extremely rare; consequently, you can assemble your Droopsnoot model with as many or as few bombs and tanks as you may wish. It is known that the Droopsnoots did not carry rockets.

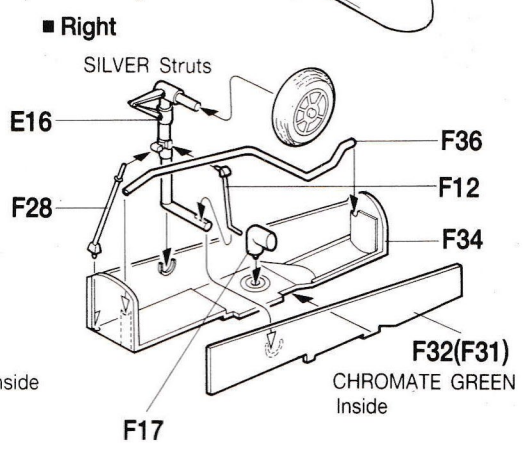
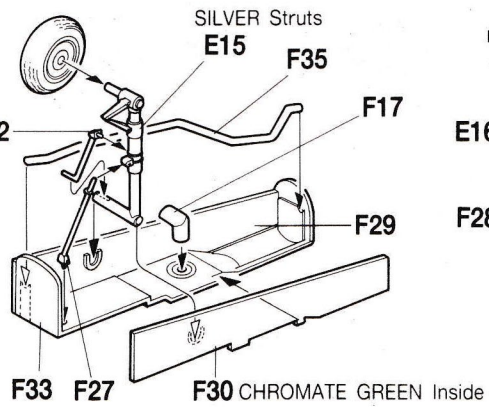
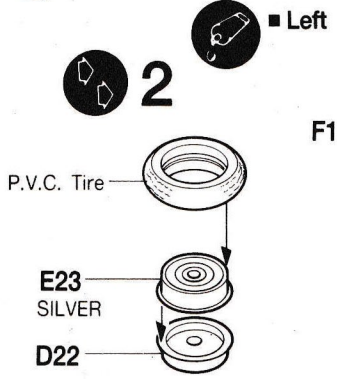
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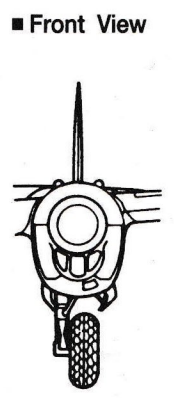
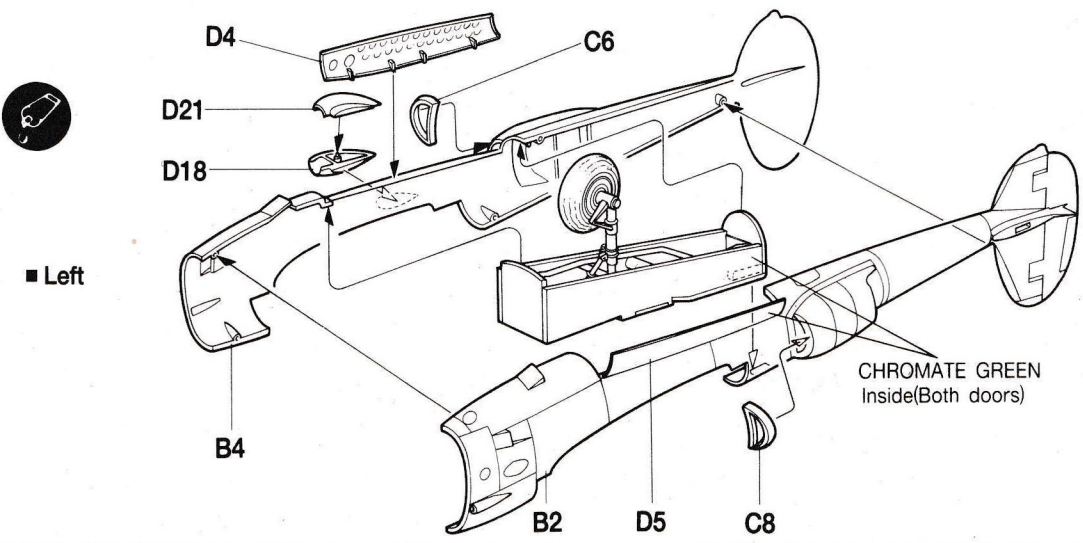
✕ : Remove      ➔ : Make holes.



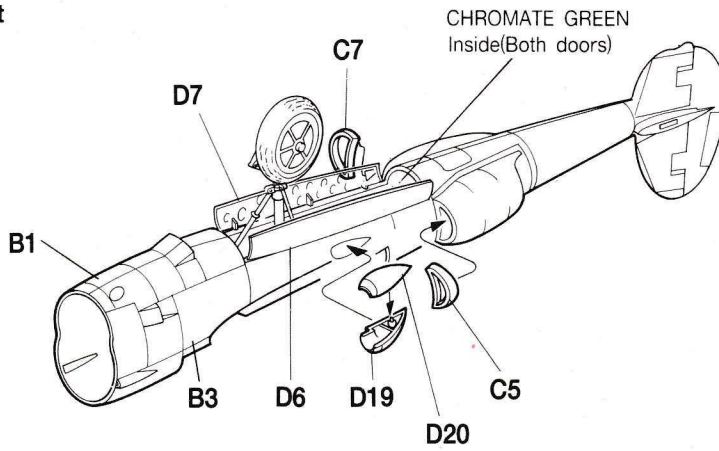
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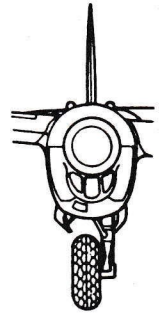
# 3 Main Landing Gear Installation



■ Right



■ Front View



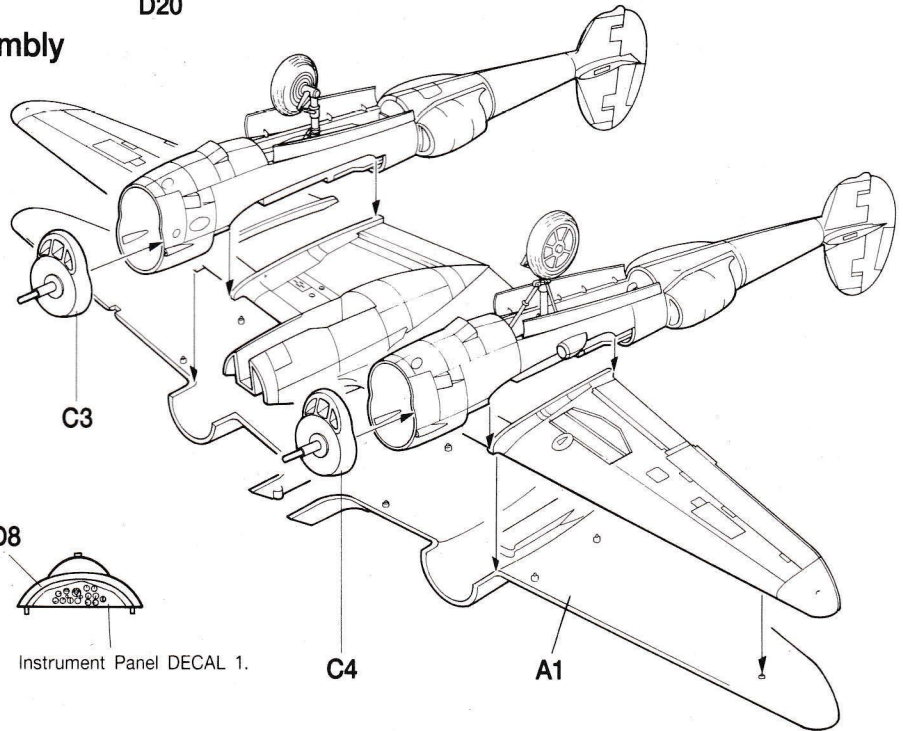
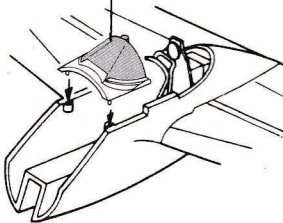
### 4 Wing & Boom Assembly

■ C3, C4



FLAT BLACK

D8 FLAT BLACK



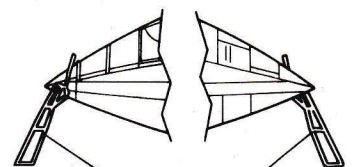
### 5 Nose Gear & Stabilizer Assembly

■ E14

■ E11



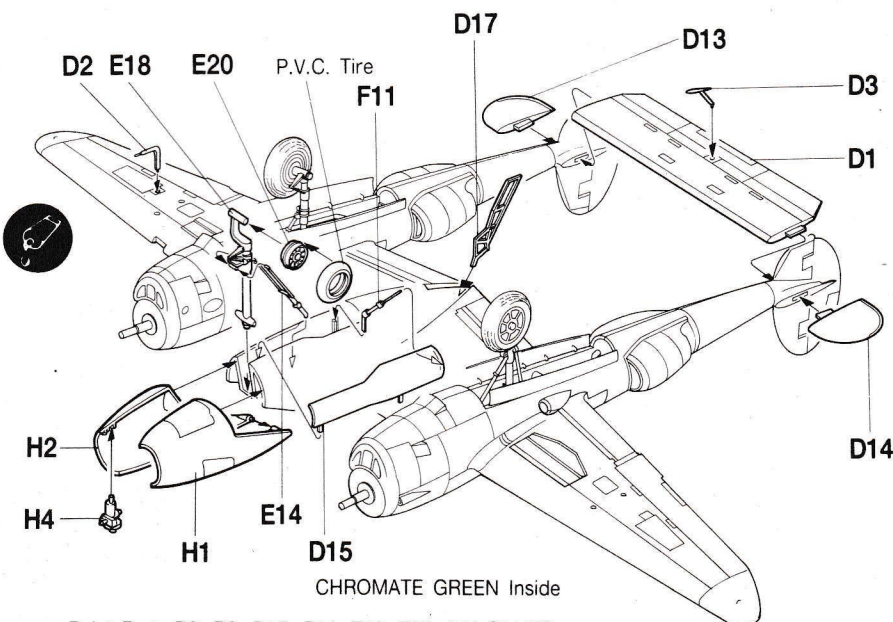
■ Ladder



D17

D17

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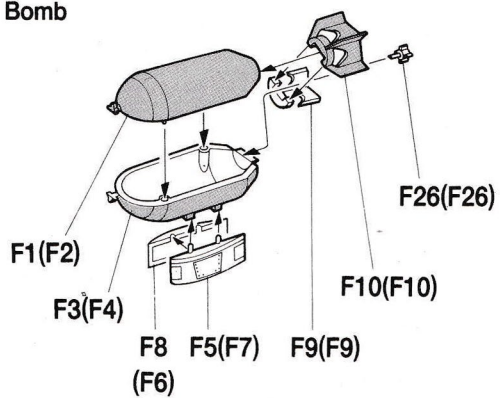


CHROMATE GREEN Inside

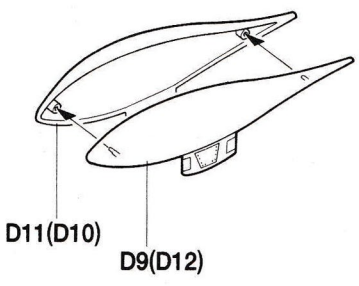
Paint Parts: D2, D3, D17, E14, E18, E20, F11-SILVER

# 6 Armament Assembly & Installation (See Armament diagram on page5)

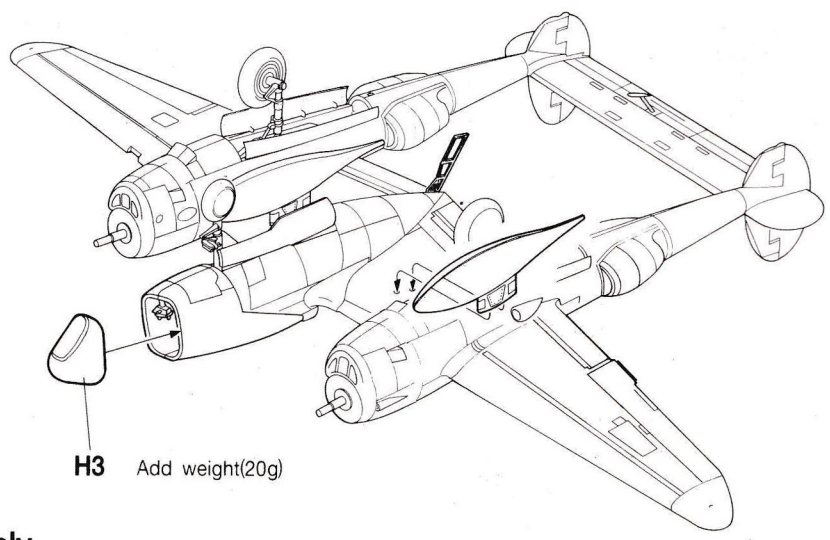
## ■ 227Kg Bomb



## ■ Droop Tank



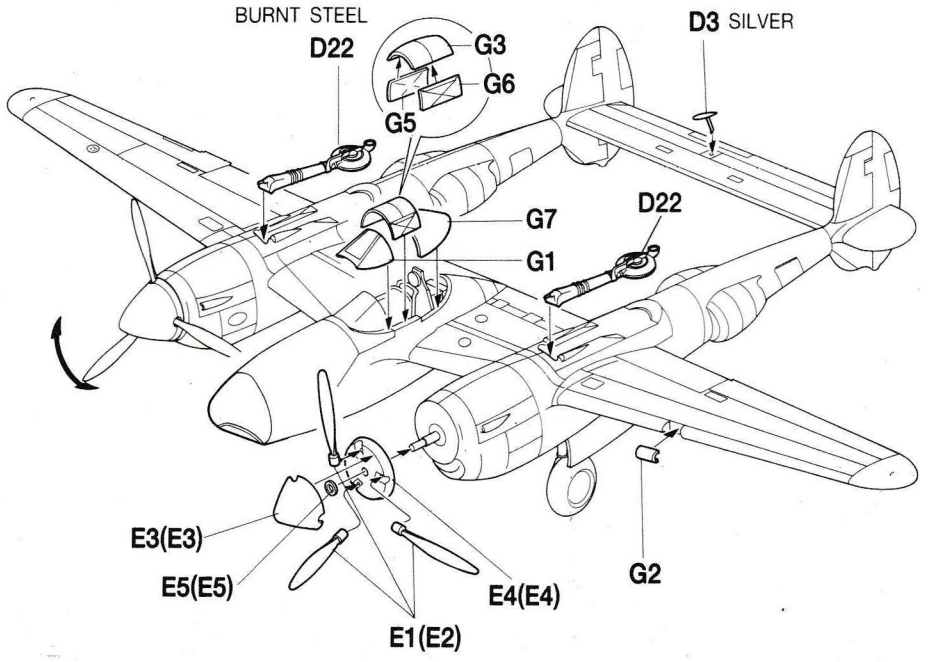
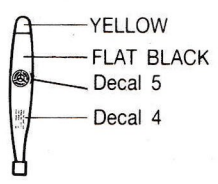
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# 7 Final Assembly

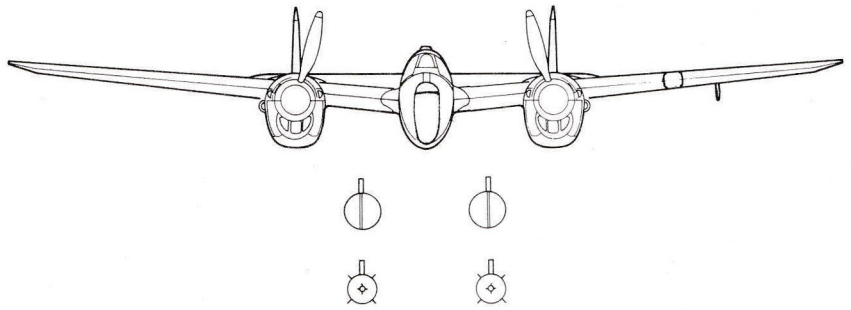


## ■ Propeller Blade

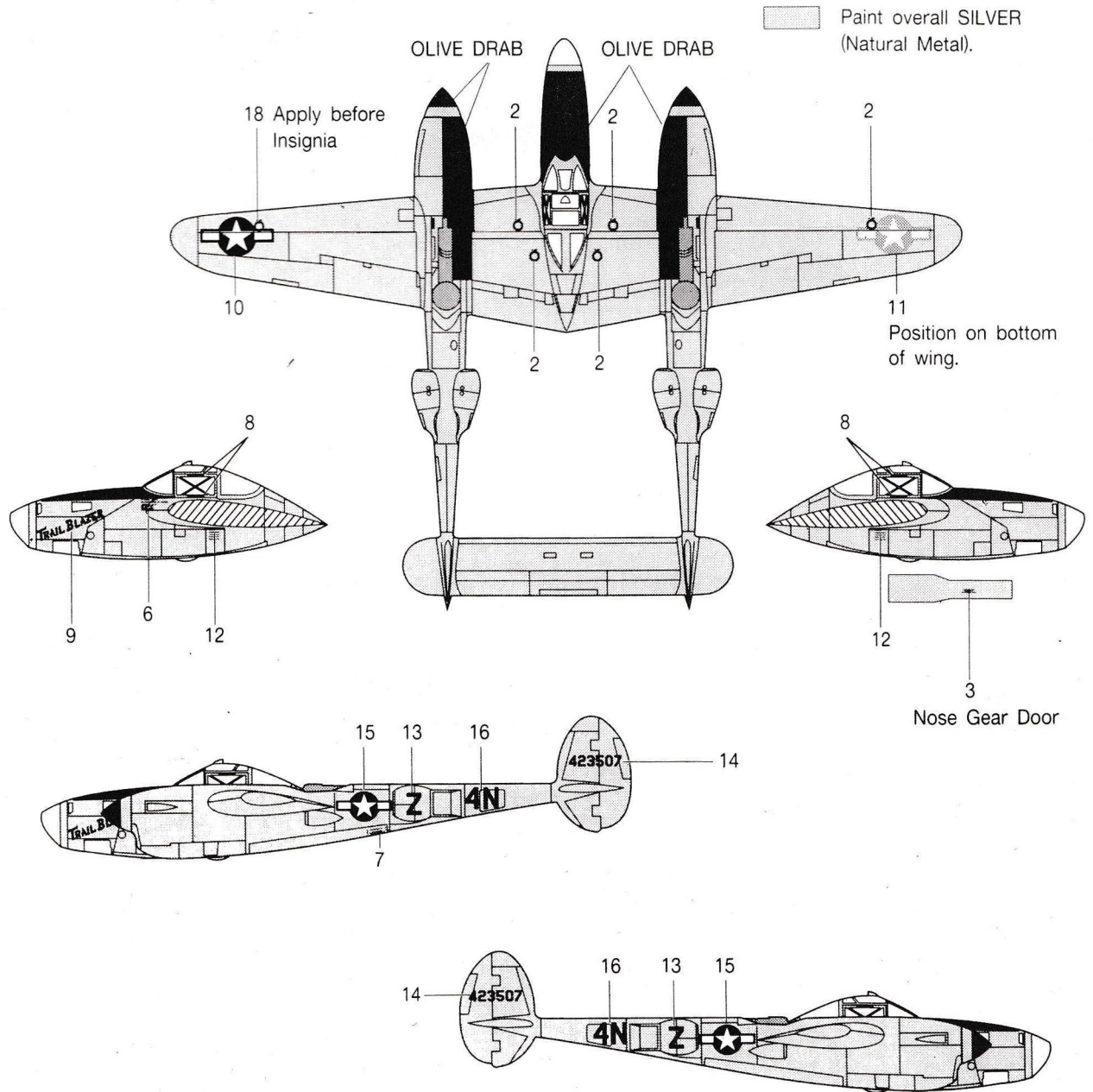


# Armament Diagram


-  ■ 227Kg Bomb
-  ■ Droop Tank




# Painting and Decal Placement




ENGLISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	SPANISH	ITALIAN
BLACK	NOIR	SCHWARZ	NEGRO	NERO
SILVER	ARGENT	SILBERN	PLATA	ARGENTO
GUNMETAL	METALLIC	METALLIC	METALICO	METALLICO
RED	ROUGE	ROT	ROJO	ROSSO
YELLOW	JAUNE	GELB	AMARILLO	GIALLO
BLUE	BLEU	BLAU	AZUL	BLU
GREEN	VERT	GRÜN	VERDE	VERDE
BROWN	BRUN	BRAUN	MARRON	MARRONE




Cement Parts  
Coller  
Kleben  
Pegar  
Incollare  
Colar  
Kleben




DO NOT cement  
Ne pas coller  
Nicht kleben  
No pegar  
Non incollare  
Nao colar  
Niet kleven



Cut away  
Couper  
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Cortar  
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Snijden

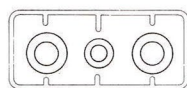
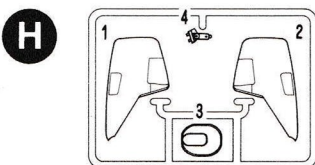
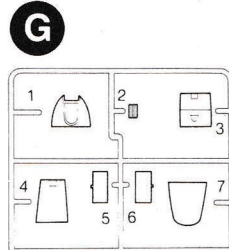
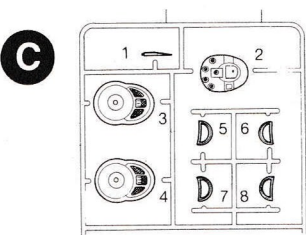
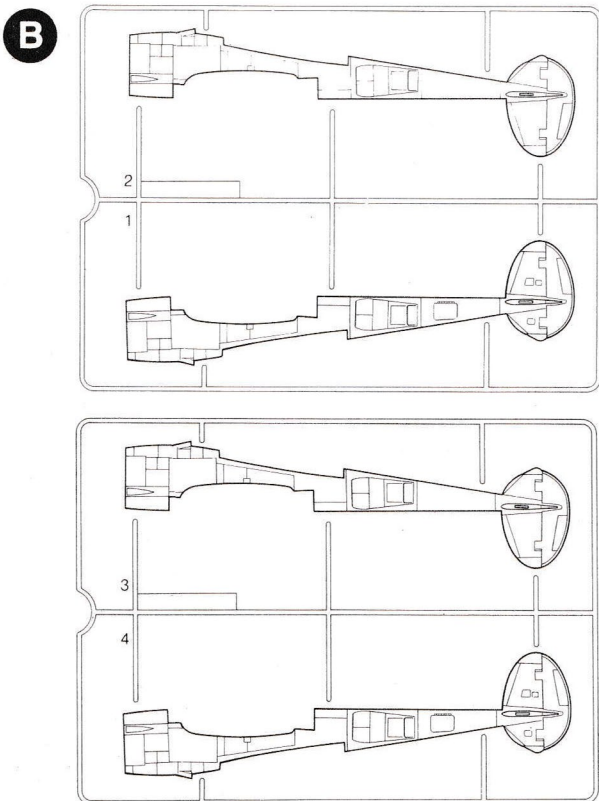
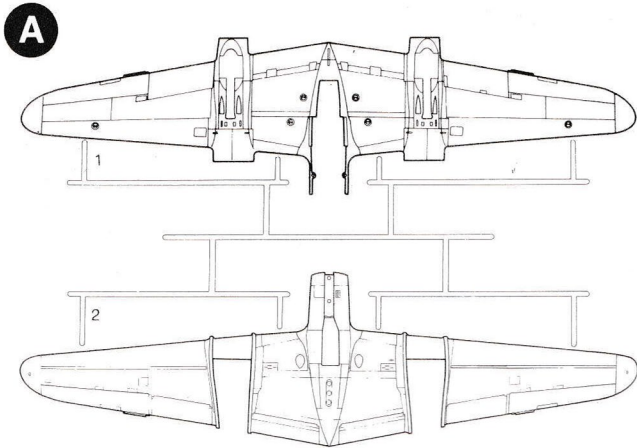


Optional parts  
Choix  
Auswahlmöglichkeit  
Eleccion  
Scelta  
Opcao  
Keuze

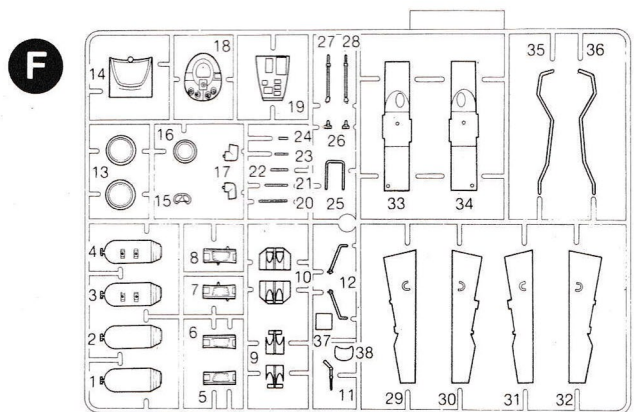
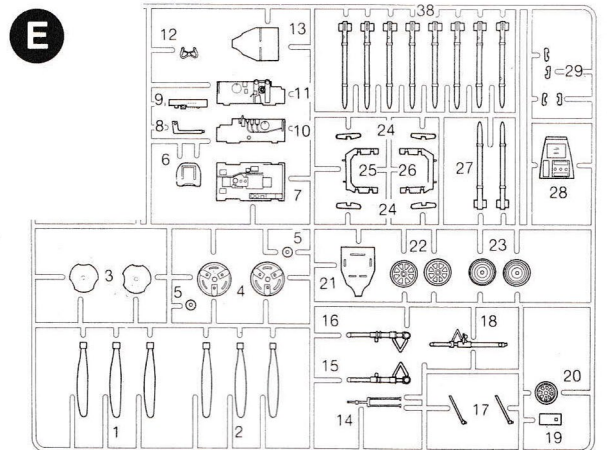
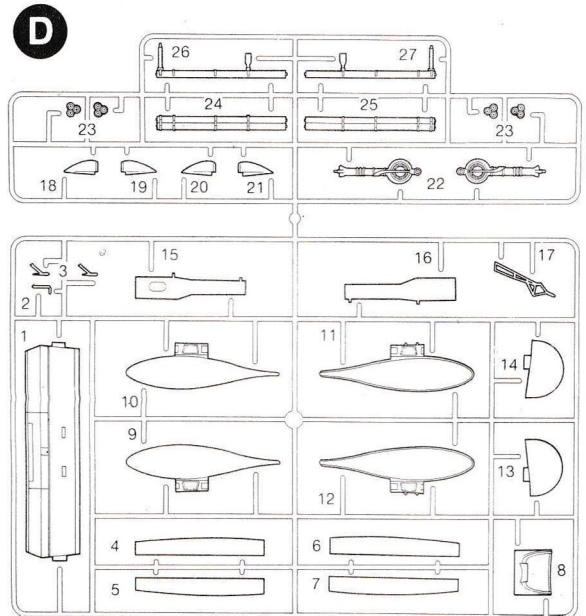


Repeat operation  
Répéter l'opération  
Vorgang wiederholen  
Repitir la operacion  
Ripetere  
Repitir a operação  
Herhalen

# Parts Locating Diagram



P.V.C. Tire



● Unnecessary Parts:

- C: 1, 2,
- D: 16, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
- E: 17, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 38
- F: 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 37
- G: 4

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