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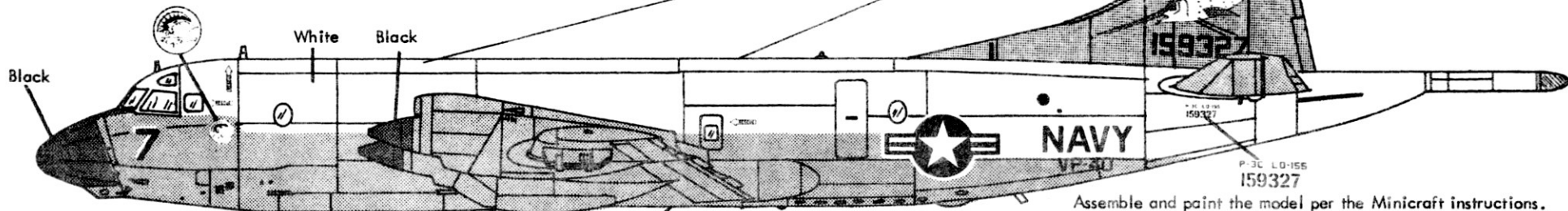
LOCKHEED



P-3C Orion ~VP-40

THESE SCALE-MASTER DECALS ARE DESIGNED FOR THE MINICRAFT/HASEGAWA P-3C KIT.

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These SCALE-MASTER decals depict a Lockheed P-3C Orion from VP-40, based at N.A.S. Moffett Field, Cal. Known as the "Fighting Marlins", the squadron dates back to January of 1951, when they were commissioned at N.A.S. North Island in Martin P5M-2 Marlin flying boats. In May, 1951, the Fighting Marlins flew missions along the Tsushima Straits and in the Yellow Sea for the United Nations

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forces in Korea. They also supported the Nationalist Chinese during the Matsu/Quemoy crisis. During the Vietnamese War, the big boats of VP-40 were used against Communist infiltrators shipping arms into South Vietnam.

In 1968, VP-40 was assigned to N.A.S. Moffett Field where they transitioned into the P-3 Orion. These unique markings were adopted early in 1980.

Assemble and paint the model per the Minicraft instructions. Apply all the kit decals (Insignia, stencils, etc.) except for the specific squadron markings in the kit.

The small 7 is located beneath the left wing halfway between the bomb racks and the outer nacelle.

The small QE is located on top of the right wing, replacing the kit codes.

NOTE: On VP-40 aircraft, all walkways are BLACK! Use SCALE-MASTER black stripes (SS-2) to match the gray walkways in the kit.

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