

Panavia Tornado IDS Saudi-Arabia Air Force

in 1/32: recommended Revell Tornado GR.1 kit, ECR kit or Italeri Tornado GR.4 / IDS kit #2513. (and as extra: Tornado ADV F3 decals as well)

HISTORY

With a contract of end 1985 Saudi Arabia ordered 48 IDS and 24 ADV F3 Tornado's for the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF). The first IDS was flown March 1986, and the first Saudi ADV was delivered in February 1989. Saudi Tornados took part in the first Gulf War. In June 1993 some 48 additional IDS were acquired. The fleet was modernized during its operational career such as from 2010 with short range air-to-air IRIS-T missile, Brimstone and Storm Shadow missile capabilities.

There are a lot of books about the Tornado and also internet has loads of information and photos.

DECAL SYSTEM

The decal sheet has one continuous print film, so each decal needs to be cut out with fine scissors.

No other prior decal preparation is needed.

Each cut out decal can be applied as usual after soaking it a short while in water. Decals are VERY THIN, so slide off from the wet backing sheet on a horizontally held GLOSSY model surface.

Note that a decal that contains a white section is often split in two parts. To get the full decal marking, apply both. On the decals sheet you will often see an "arrow" to indicate this way of application (on white surfaces, the white section is optional).

After all decals have been applied, finish the model with your preferred final gloss, matt or semi-matt varnish coats. This will also protect all the decals.



[4a] Saudi Arabia Air Force, Tornado ADV F3 grey scheme

The ADV (Air Defense Variant) is longer than the IDS, with long radar nose, different rear fuselage, missile armament and wing gloves.

Probable Saudi ADV F3 colours:
upper & sides: "Camouflage Barley" grey BSC 626
undersurfaces: Light grey 627.

Use the "green titles and roundels".
Roundel positions etc appear to be similar with desert scheme [4b].

Some low visibility stencils are on the decal sheet. ADV F3 codes: 3454, 2906 and others.

NOTE: an 1/32 Tornado ADV F3 model will require significant conversion of a Tornado kit into a ADV F3 using after market sets or an old Revell ADV F2 kit with additional modifications.

For further 1/32 ADV modelling suggestions: visit the website and webpages at:
<https://aircraftinplastic.com/models/tornado-resin/tor-resin-1.htm>

[4b] Saudi Arabia Air Force, IDS desert wrap around scheme

Tornado IDS, code "6612" or "704" and others. Several different squadron badges are on the decals sheet. Note that camouflage patterns on port- and starboard side differ.

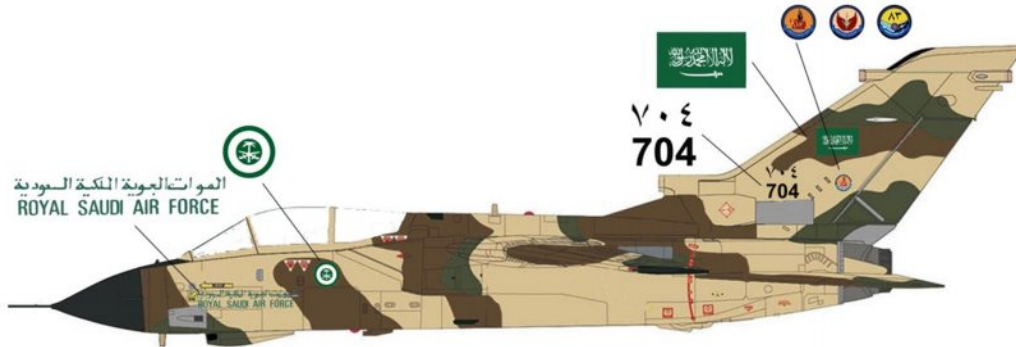
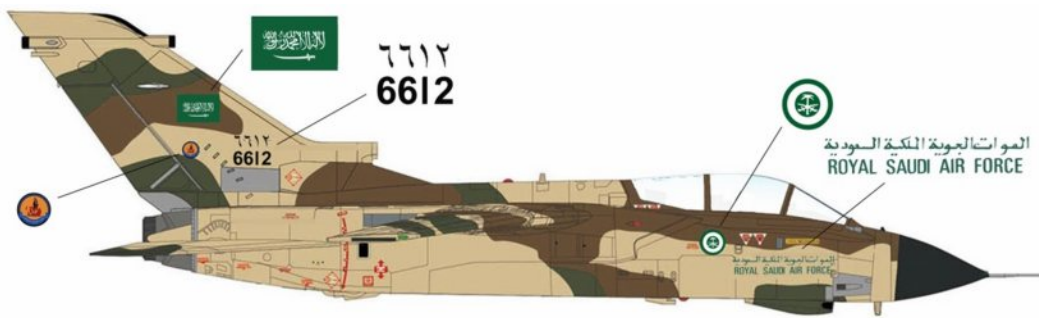
Camouflage colour suggestions: BSC Light Stone 361, Dark Earth 350, Dark Green 241

Black details such as radar nose, anti-glare panel, leading edge panels and upper dark grey wing glove areas. Metal exhaust panels etc.

There are small variations in camouflage patterns. Use the "green" titles, though some aircraft had black RSAF titles which are also on the decal sheet.

Black NO STEPS and standard "red" stencillings can be used from the kit.

NOTE: the exact location of the lower wing roundel is unclear.



[4c] Saudi Arabia Air Force, IDS, grey scheme

Code 757, with low visibility grey titles and roundels.
 Extra numbers and codes are provided for other Saudi Tornado's.
 Overall colour unclear: **BSC Medium sea grey 637 overall airframe** ????

Roundel positions etc. appear to be same as on desert scheme.
 Port- and starboard sides show markings at same positions. Some low visibility stencils are on the decal sheet. Use other stencilling from kit.



AIRCRAFT IN PLASTIC

Please visit website: www.aircraftinplastic.com