1:48 SCALE



Detailed scale model for adult enthusiasts. Not suitable for children under 14 years.



F-102A DELTA DAGGER



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The Convair F-102 was a futuristic aircraft when it first reached the United States Air Force's Air Defense Command squadrons during the mid 1950s. Its rakish angular and wedge-shaped protrusions coupled with its wickedly slender fuselage gave the fighter a purposeful rocket-like appearance that seemed ideal for an aircraft intended to race high into the skies to deal destruction to marauding Communist bombers. Officially the 'Delta Dagger,' but more commonly and affectionately dubbed the 'Deuce'; the F-102 was the first operational all-weather supersonic interceptor and deltawing fighter of the USAF. Still, the F-102 had a difficult start - initial prototypes were incapable of breaking the sound barrier due to the then not fully appreciated 'area rule.' Convair undertook a major redesign of the original straight-sided fuselage that resulted in the now classic narrow-waisted or 'Coke Bottle' configuration, which reduced transonic drag enough to impart Mach speeds to the Deuce. During the heady days of the F-102's gestation, the concept of an interceptor was rewrought. The type was believed beyond primitive guns and instead was armed with infrared and semiactive radar homing air-to-air missiles stored in a three-segment internal weapons bay. Even the bay doors became weapons stations with internal launch tubes for unquided folding-fin rockets. Later modifications allowed this load to include nuclear-tipped missile variants as well.

As is typical of most military systems, the F-102 was continually updated and improved. One of the most visually compelling and significant upgrades was the improved Case XX wing which increased the camber of the outer wing and required enlarged elevons. Built into production aircraft from serial number 56-1317, this enhancement increased the Deuce's overall ceiling and Mach ceiling, improved maneuverability and improved low-speed handling. Your model features this latter Case XX wing.

The Delta Dagger served well and in significant numbers with both Air Force and Air National Guard units well into the 1970s. This included deployment in Vietnam, where the Deuce flew fighter patrols, provided bomber escort and, with limited success, took part in air-to-ground action. During the late 1960s, F-102s were supplied to NATO allies, serving Turkey's Türk Hava Kuvvetleri and Greece's Hellenic Air Force. Many F-102s would end their days as PQM-102 target drones. As a legacy, the improved F-102B 'ultimate' interceptor would enter production as the F-106 Delta Dart.

The F-102A was generally well liked by those who flew it, and for a time it formed the backbone of continental Air Defense Command. It remains an iconic design from the Cold War that still has the power to evoke an edgy era laced with nuclear fears, red stars, missiles, and Mach numbers.

Specifications		Interi
Wingspan	38 ft 1 in	Exter
Length		Pow
Height		
Wing Area	695 ft2 (Case XX	Wing)
Empty Weight	19,350 lb	
Loaded Weight		
Avionics	MG-10 fire control system	

nal Fuel Capacity......1,085 US gallons rnal Fuel Capacity.....2 × 215 US gallon drop tanks rerplant - 1 × Pratt & Whitney J57-P-25 afterburning turbojet

Performance ..1.350 miles Speed Max.....Mach 1.25 at 40,000 ft

Armament

Rockets: 24 × 2.75 in FFAR unguided rockets in missile bay doors

Missiles: 6 × AIM-4 Falcon air-to-air missiles (2 per bay segment) further an AIM-26 Falcon with conventional or nuclear warhead could be accommodated in modified central bay).

ATTENTION - Read the instructions carefully prior to assembly. Remove parts from frame with a sharpe knife or nippers and trim away excess plastic. Do not twist off sprues. Numbers of parts are marked figures: 1,2,3...

Decals: Cut from the sheet as needed (numbers of decals are marked by figures in squares 123...); submerge in water until decal loosens from paper; apply the decal to the kit and blot with a clean rag.





* CEMENT TOGETHER





* REPEAT MULTIPLE TIMES

* OPTIONAL PARTS











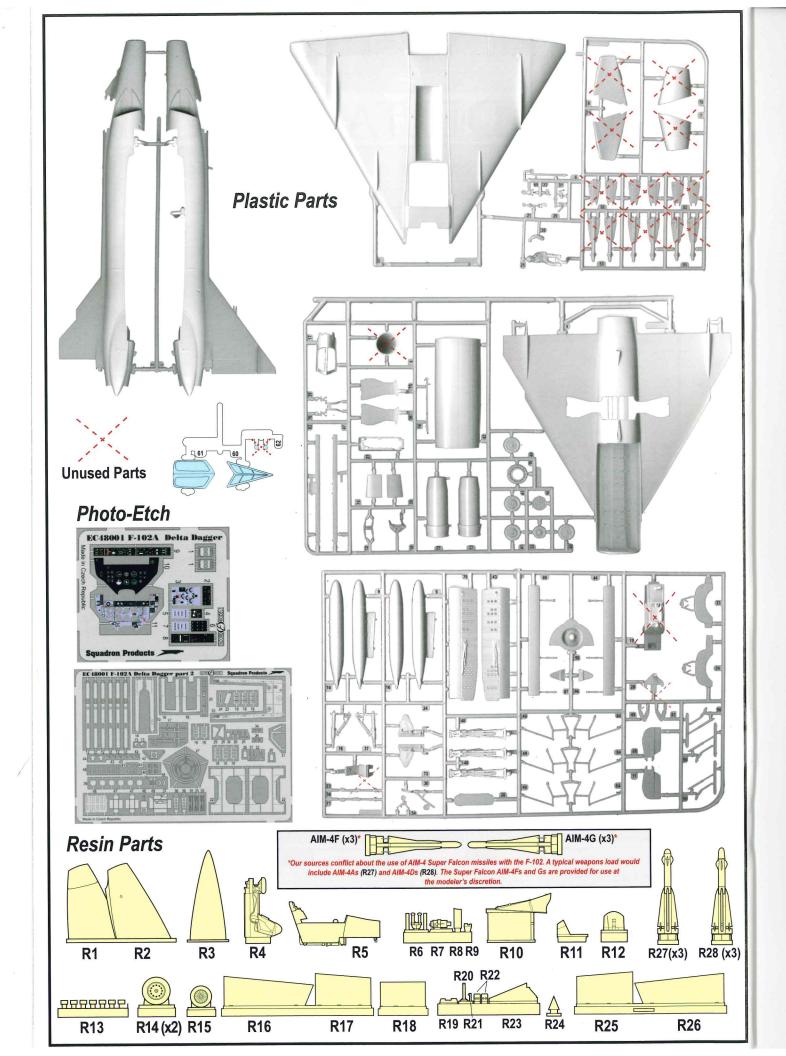




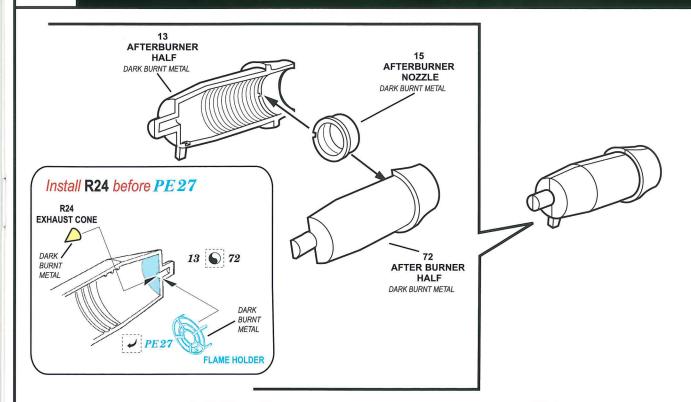




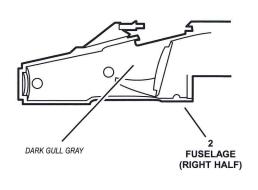




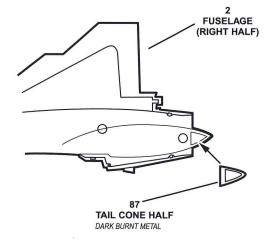
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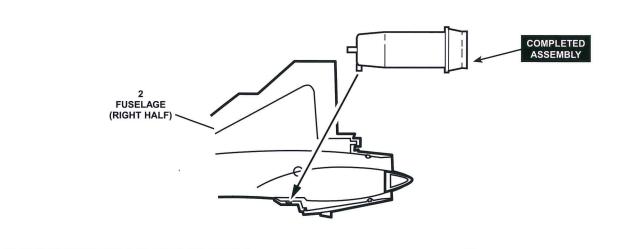


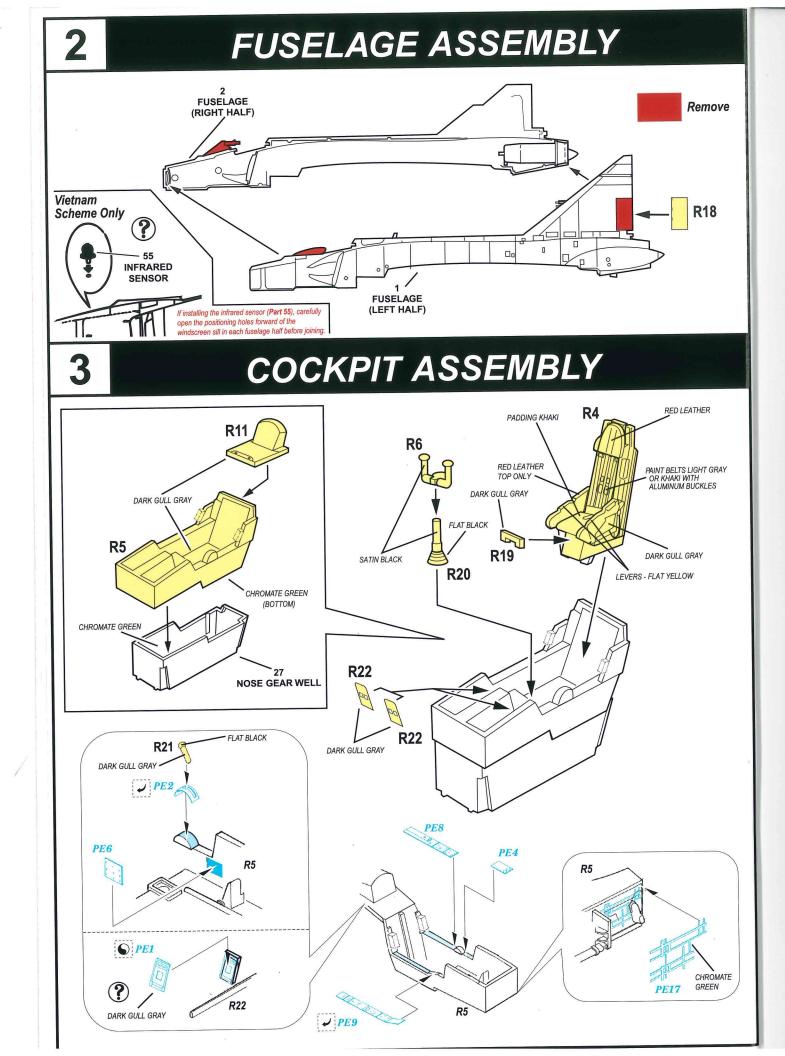
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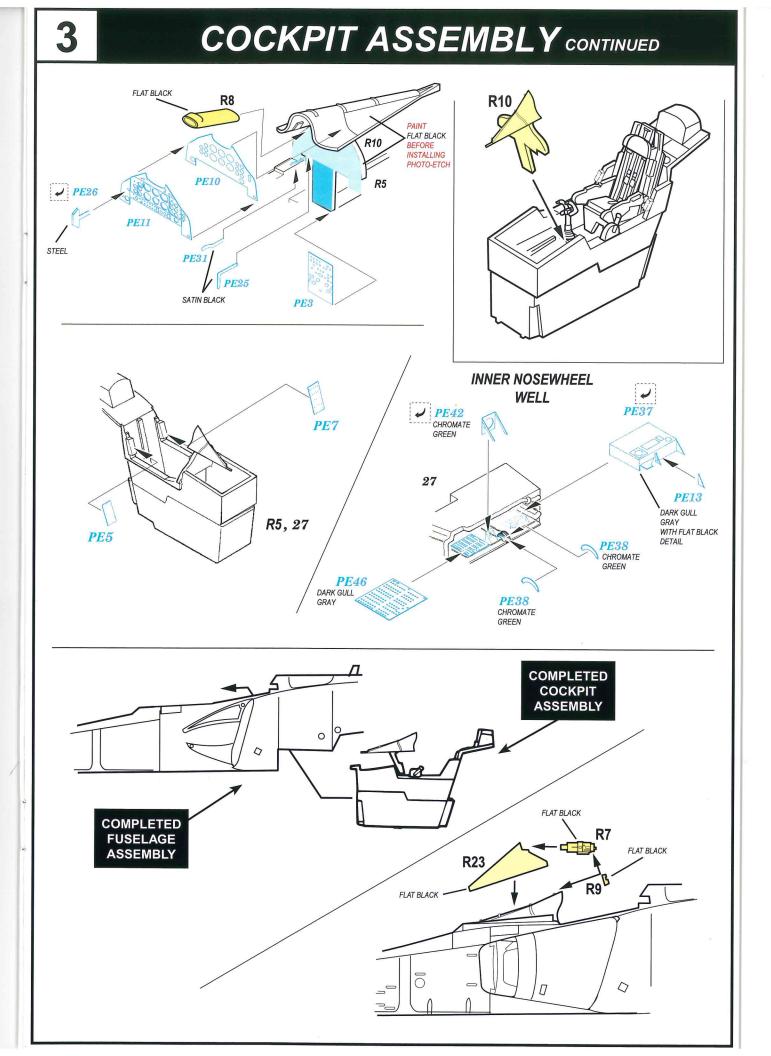


REPEAT FOR OTHER SIDE USING TAIL CONE HALF 86



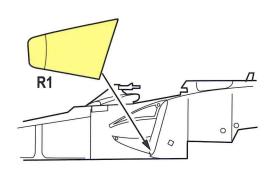


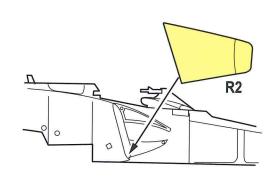




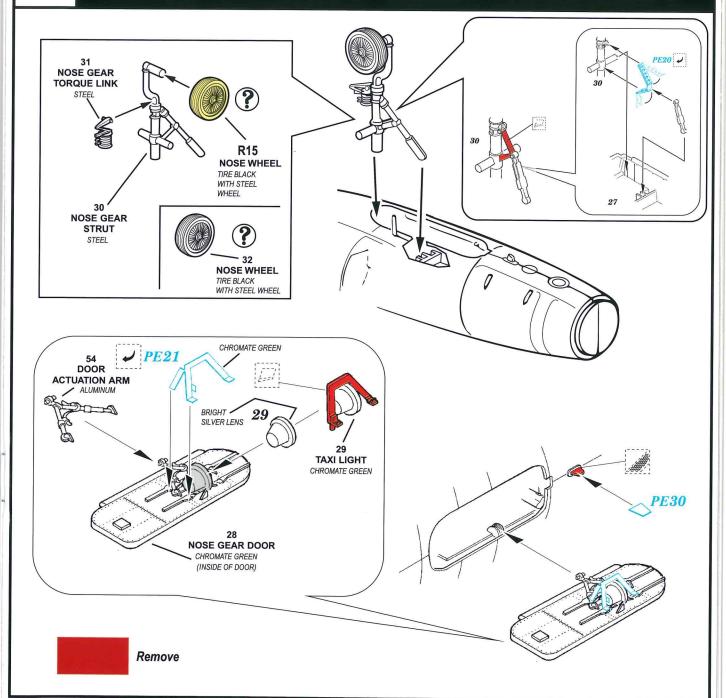
WING ASSEMBLY 2 mm**ENGINE BULKHEAD** CHROMATE GREEN 33 FORWARD MAIN GEAR BULKHEAD $Correct\ position$ SILVER AFT MAIN GEAR BULKHEAD CHROMATE GREEN 00 CHROMATE GREEN CHROMATE GREEN CHROMATE GREEN WING TOP (FG) **PE49** CHROMATE GREEN **PE49** J PE22 CHROMATE GREEN PE22 WING BOTTOM **Top View R16** 4 WING BOTTOM of Wing Top After removing the molded-on control surfaces, there will be a gap between upper and lower wings in the area exposed. The modeler will have to close this gap before installing resin control surfaces to ensure uniform contour with the replacement flaps and elevons. R17 WING TOP **R25 R26** Remove COMPLETED FUSELAGE ASSEMBLY

ENGINE INTAKE ASSEMBLY



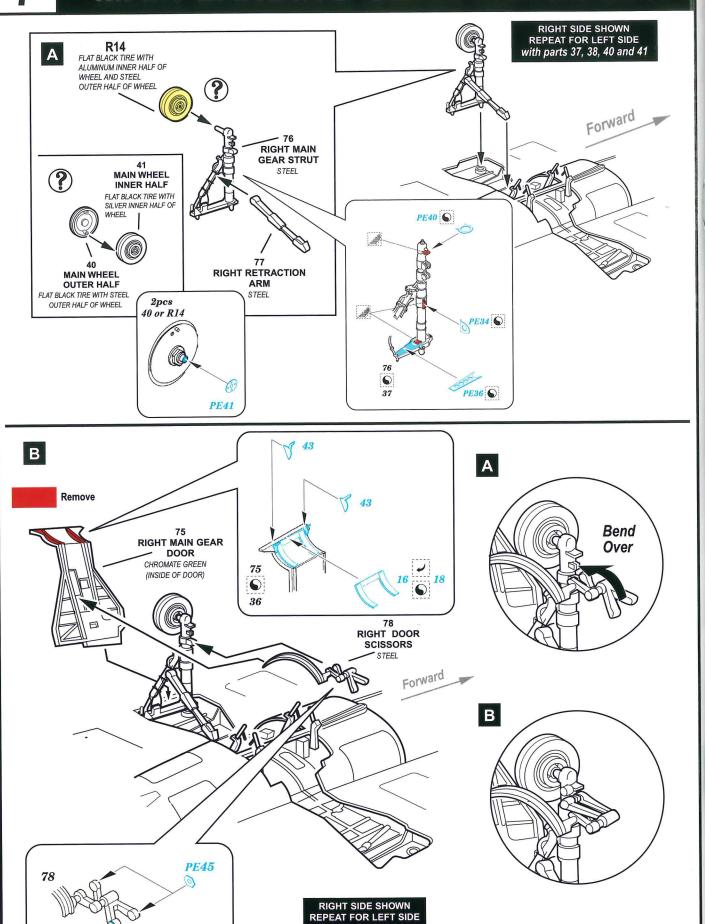


6 NOSE LANDING GEAR ASSEMBLY



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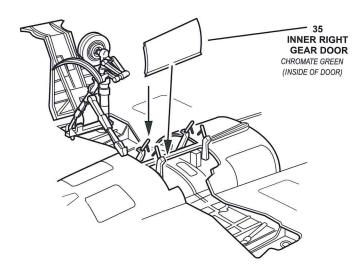
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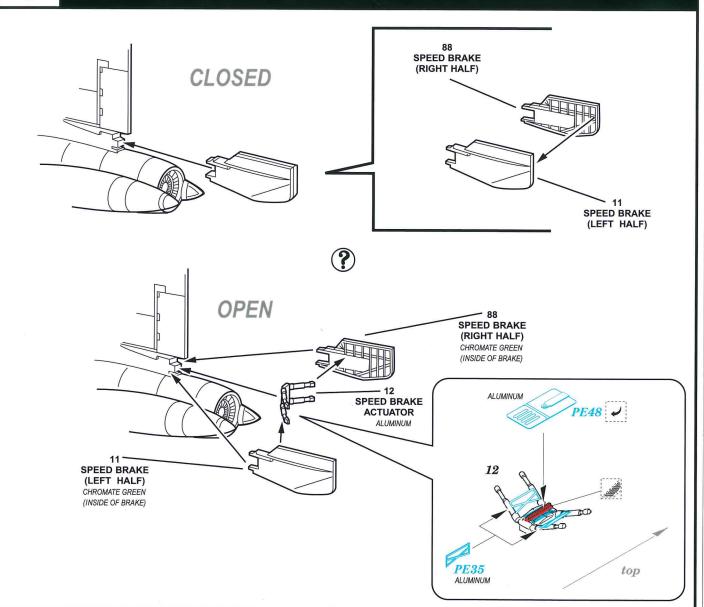
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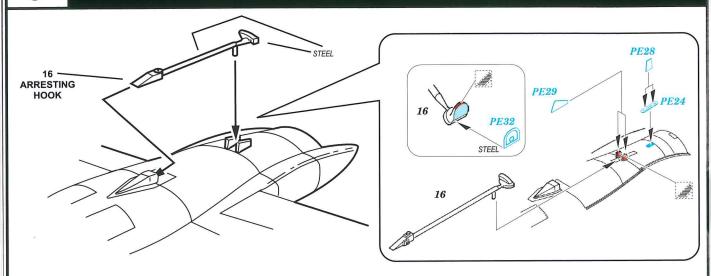




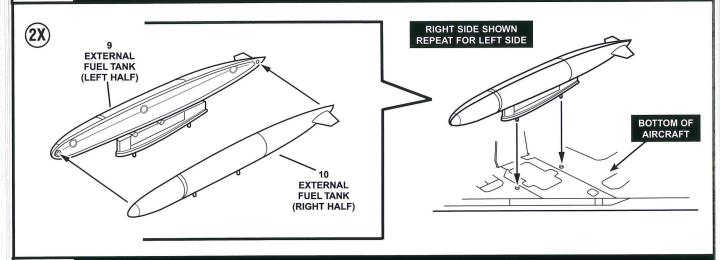
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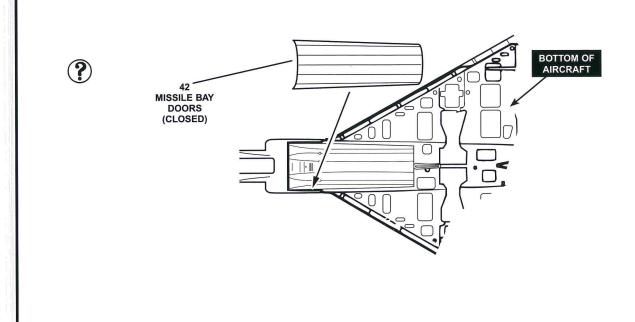
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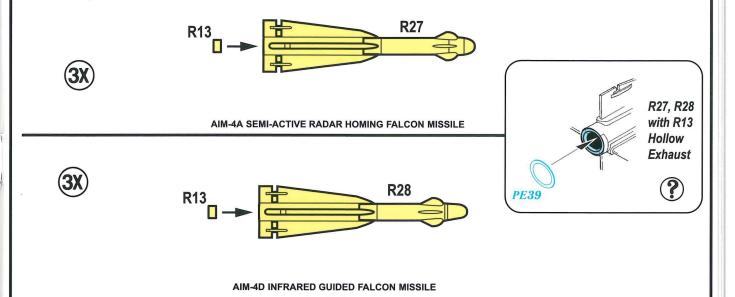
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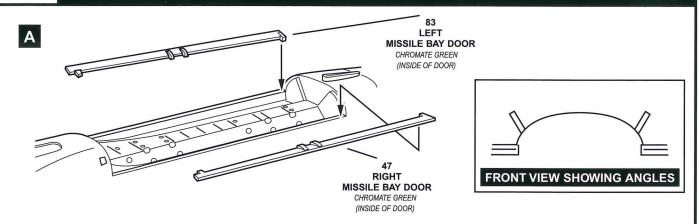
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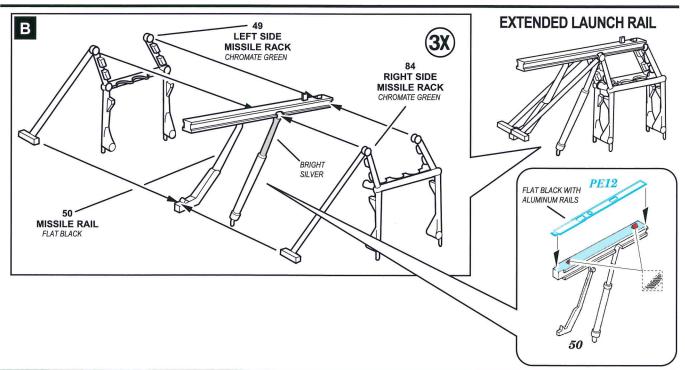


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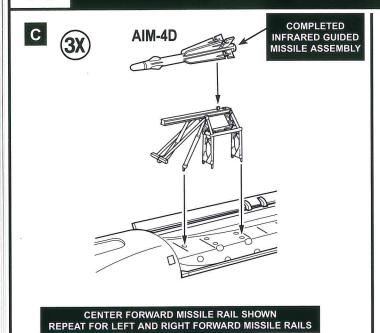


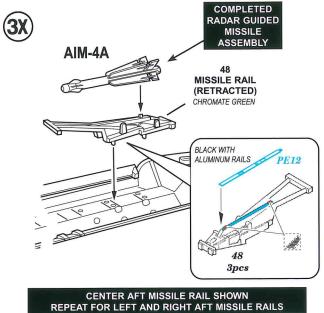
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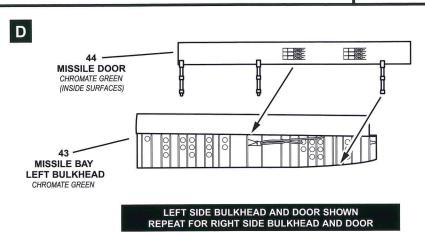


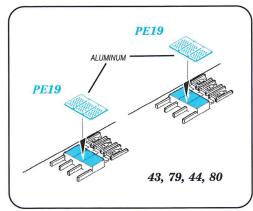


BAY ASSEMBLY CONTINUED

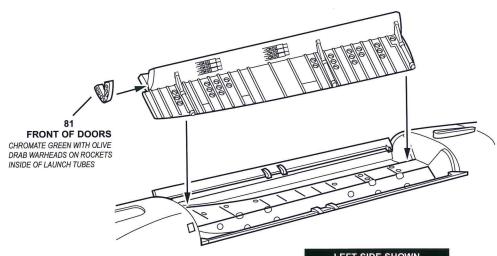






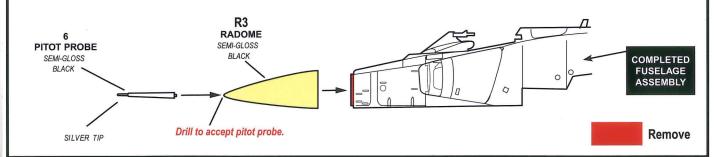


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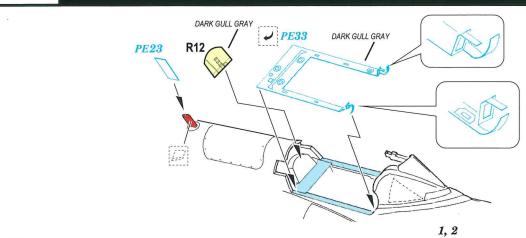


LEFT SIDE SHOWN
REPEAT FOR RIGHT SIDE

RADOME ASSEMBLY



15 WINDSCREEN / CANOPY ASSEMBLY



WINDSCREEN

PE14

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CANOPY FRAME

FRAME BULKHEAD

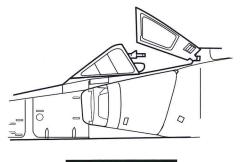
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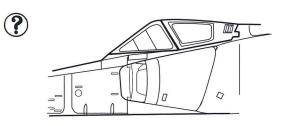
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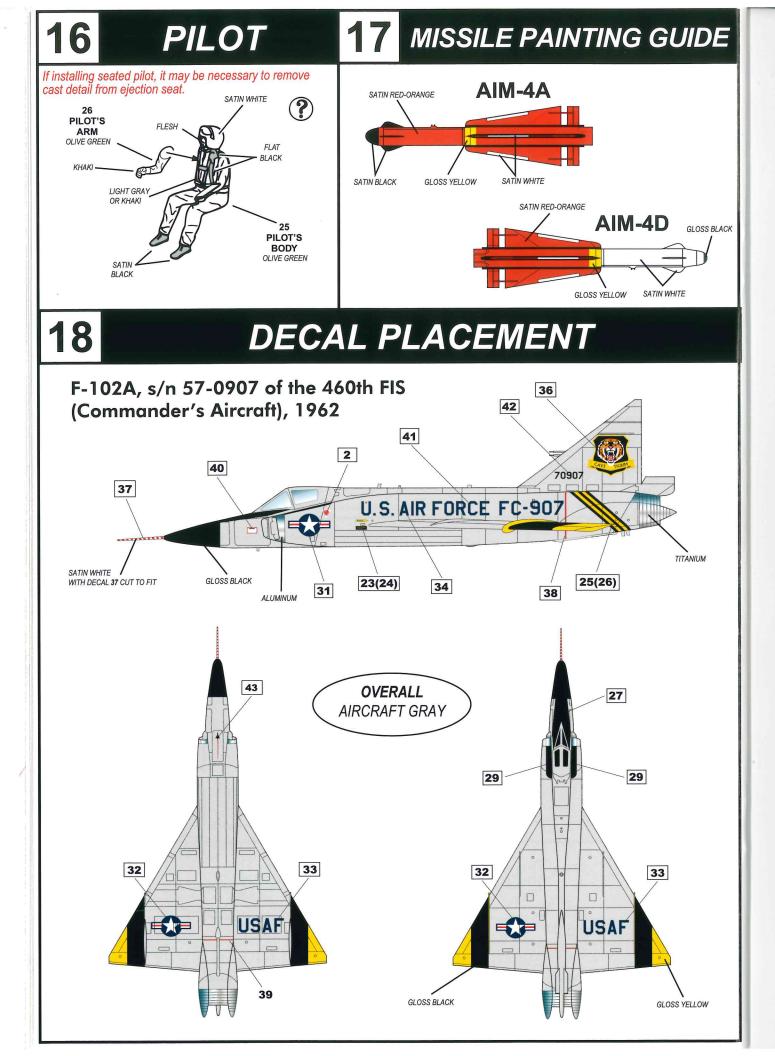
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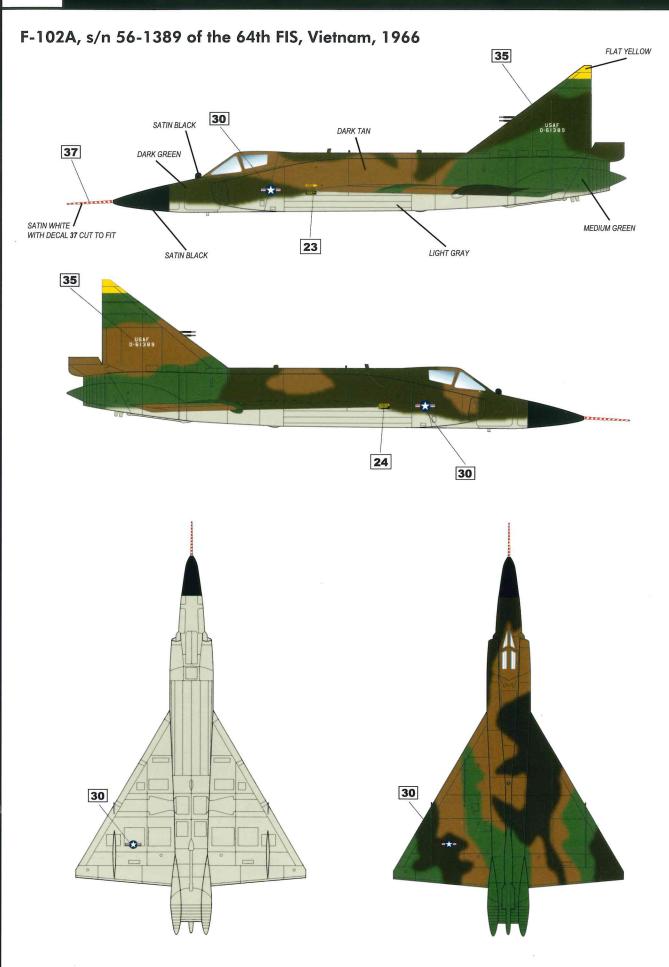


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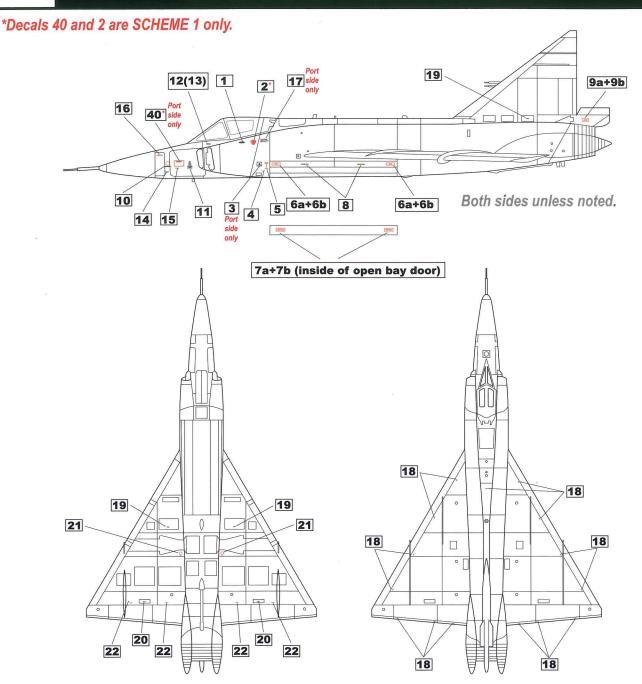
CANOPY CLOSED



DECAL PLACEMENT CONTINUED



STENCIL PLACEMENT



COLOR REFERENCE



FS 36231



FS 21136

Aircraft Gray FS 16473



Flat Black

Olive Green FS 34086





Satin Black FS 27038



Medium Green FS 34102

Chromate Green



Dark Tan FS 30219

Gloss Black

FS 17875



Red Leather



Khaki

FS 34201

Dark Green

FS 34079



Satin White FS 27875

























