



1944, jet aircraft first fly combat missions.

1947 mankind first officially flew faster than the speed of sound, Mach 1.

1952 the first prototype of the first operational jet strategic bomber flies - the B-52 is born.

1955, Boeing and North American initiate studies for the next generation of manned strategic bombing platforms.

1956 - a manned experimental aircraft flies at three times the speed of sound for the first time.

1957 - North American receives a contract to build a boron powered (later dropped) strategic (nuclear) bomber a 500,000 1b, 200-foot long, behemoth which would CRUISE at 1982 mph at an altitude of 75,250 feet the XB-70 Valkyrie.

1964 - It flies

The 1950's saw tremendous advances in jet-powered aviation. It was also the decade when guided-missiles were finally perfected, creating a debate of missiles vs. manned nuclear deterrent which continues to this day. In essence, the argument can be boiled down to this: Missiles provide a cheaper, more-easily protected and faster means of nuclear deterrence you can wait for the last minute to fire as they go up and out of sight in a hurry. Manned deterrence (bombers) provide the opportunity to think about what you are doing for a long time - and possibly recall the strike if you are wrong - as well as providing the ability to redirect assets to other targets as the situation changes. There is still little that can be done to protect against a missile attack bombers are vulnerable to a number of things.. This argument essentially began around the XB-70 project.

The XB-70 was a remarkable aircraft. It's Mach 3 CRUISING speed was based on the ingenious concept of "compression lift". This involved literally squeezing the supersonic air

traveling beneath the aircraft and "riding" its own supersonic shock wave, much as a surfer rides a wave to shore. The outer wing panels of the Valkyrie would fold down to trap the edge of the supersonic shock wave and "ride" it to target at nearly 2000 miles per hour, powered by six massive GE J-93 constant after-burning engines buried in the broad center section.

The downing of Francis Gary Power's U-2 essentially put an end to the high altitude strategic bomber (though not the argument), left the XB-70 without a mission and caused the early retirement of the 1600 mph but short-ranged B-58 Hustler. Thus only two XB-70s were to be built, to be used in a variety of tests until one crashed following a freak mid-air collision of an F-104 and the XB-70 during a GE publicity photo session of aircraft powered by GE jet engines. The other aircraft was eventually donated to the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. It remains there today, a reminder of the days when American technology seemed to meet every challenge and the USAF ruled the skies in the preservation of world peace.

Your AMT kit of the XB-70 provides a striking scale replica of this massive, impressive aircraft. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the staff of the United States Air Force Museum for their assistance in the design of this kit. Their generosity and help in allowing AMT to crawl all over the real bird to take precise measurements, opening the aircraft up to enable us to provide items like the detailed cockpit, complete with the ejection capsules, is greatly appreciated.

We hope you enjoy your AMT kit of the XB-70, which, with the AMT XB-35 Flying Wing, B-52G and B-52H kits provides the discerning modeler with a stunning history of post-war U.S. strategic bombing platforms in constant-scale plastic.

IMPORTANT

Before you begin to assemble your model kit, study the instructions carefully. This will help you to familiarize yourself with the part locations as you proceed. Prior to cementing parts together, be sure to "TEST FIT" them in order to assure proper alignment and also to check for excess " FLASH" that may occur along parting lines. Use a sharp hobby knife or file to remove flash if necessary.

If you wish to paint your model, various sub-assemblies and components should be painted before any parts are attached. During assembly, you may note that the recommended color is stated after the part name.

This model kit is molded from the finest high-impact styrene plastic. Use only paints and cements which are specifically formulated for styrene. Read all labels and warnings carefully.

Because the cement will only adhere to bare plastic, it is necessary to remove any paint or "plating" from the area to which the cement is to be applied.

BUILDING TIPS FOR THE ADVANCED MODELER

For the best possible finish, your kit should be painted, even if molded in color. Paint should be applied evenly, in several thin coats rather than one heavy coat. The first coat should not completely cover the surface. Each layer should be allowed to thoroughly dry before the next is applied.

It is important to keep your hands clean when working with your model and wash parts thoroughly before painting to remove any mold release agent that may have been used during manufacture, body oil from your hands, sanding residue, and dust, which is naturally attracted to plastic by static electricity. Use a mild solution of dishwashing detergent and water. A tack rag should be used to dry the parts, DO NOT use paper towels or tissues, since they will leave lint on the part.

Parting lines and glue joints should be sanded or filed prior to

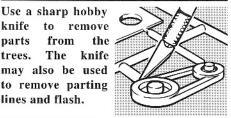
painting. Because paint has a tendency to draw away from sharp edges, they should be lightly filed. Use filler putty designed for plastic to fill small gaps that may occur between parts and to blend contours. This should be done only after the first, or "primer," coat of paint is applied. When painting a multi color scheme, the lightest color should be painted first. Use frosted, or "magic," tape to mask off the area you do not want painted. After the second color is dry to the touch, the tape can be removed. Use a very fine brush to touch up edges if necessary. If decals are to be added, do so before adding any gloss coat. A gloss coat will help even out the edges between the two colors as well as set the decals.

NOTE: The United States military services use standardized colors known as Federal Standard or FS colors. Each Color receives a specific five digit identification number. Grays, for instance, are all 6000, and gloss paints begin with a 1, semi-gloss 2, flats 3. Thus a gray color can be gloss (16251), semi-gloss (26251) or flat (36251).

RECOMMENDED TOOLS

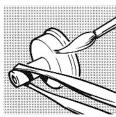
HOBBY KNIFE

knife to remove parts from the a trees. The knife may also be used to remove parting lines and flash.



TWEEZERS

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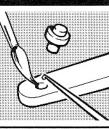


BRUSH

of liquid use polystyrene cement. Apply with a fine brush. Use sparingly or a sloppy iob will

result.

We recommend the



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PRINCIPAL DIMENSION OF THE XB-70:

WING SPAN: 105 ft.

LENGTH: 194 ft.

HEIGHT: 30 ft.

WING AREA: 6,297 square feet

WEIGHT: 550,000 lbs.

SPEED: (Top) Mach 3 / 2000mph @ 70,000 ft.

ALTITUDE: 70,000 ft. +

RANGE: Intercontinental

POWER: 6 General Electric YJ-93 Turbo Jets

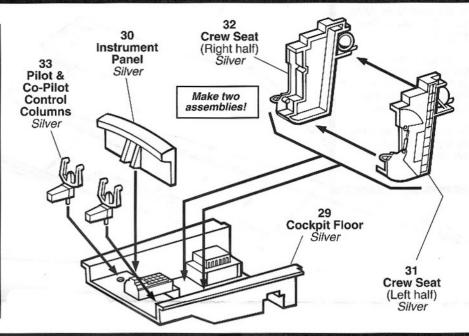
Generating 30,000 lbs Thrust each



1 Cockpit Assembly

Assembly Note:

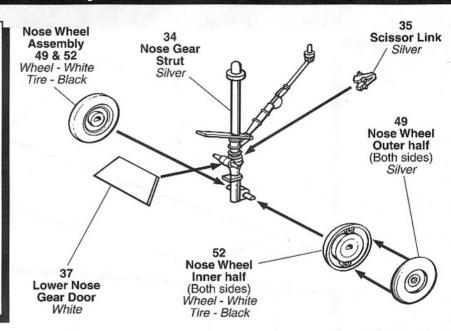
- 1...Cement Seat Module halves (31,32) together to make one Pilot Seat Module and one Co-Pilot Crew Seat Module.
- 2...Cement the Crew Seat Modules to the Cockpit Floor (29).
- 3...Cement Instrument Panel (30) to Cockpit Floor (29).
- 4...Cement Control Columns (33) in to position, one in front of the Pilot and one in front of the Co-Pilot.



2 Nose Gear Assembly

Assembly Note:

- 1...Cement the Nose Wheel halves (49,52) together. Make two assemblies.
- 2...Cement the Nose Wheel assemblies to the Nose Gear Strut (34).
- 3...Cement the Scissor Link (35) into slots on the right rear side of the Nose Gear Strut.
- 4...Cement Lower Nose Gear Door (37) to the Gear Strut as indicated.



3 Left Main Gear Assembly

Assembly Note: 43 Main Landing 1...Cement Main Wheel **Build the Right** halves (51,52) together. Gear Main Gear (Left inner) Make eight sets. White Assembly in the 2...Cement Left Main same manner Gear Strut halves (41, using parts 43) together. (42 & 44) and 3...Cement Right Main Wheel (51, Main Gear 52) assemblies. halves (42,44)together. 4...Cement the eight Main Wheel assemblies to the Left and Right Main Gear Struts. 5...Set the Main Gear assemblies aside to 51,52 41 dry thoroughly. Main Wheels Main Landing Gear Wheel - White (Left outer) Tire - Tire

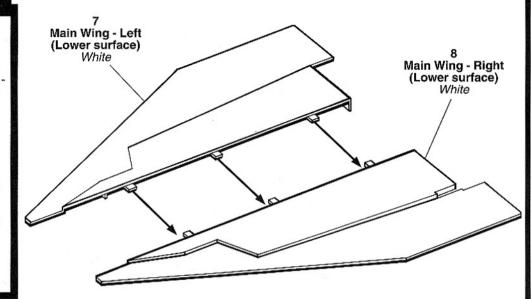
White

4 Wing (Lower Surface) Assembly

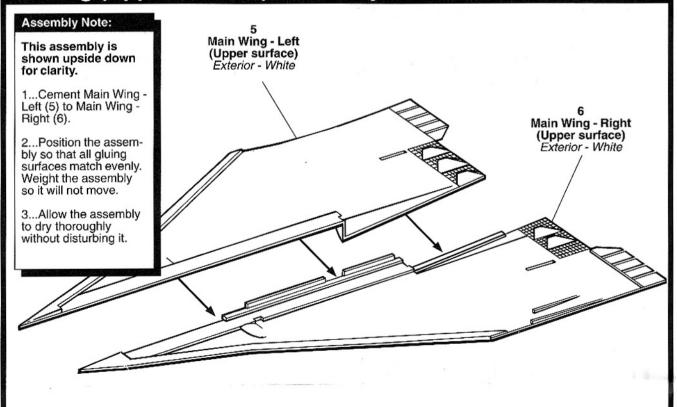
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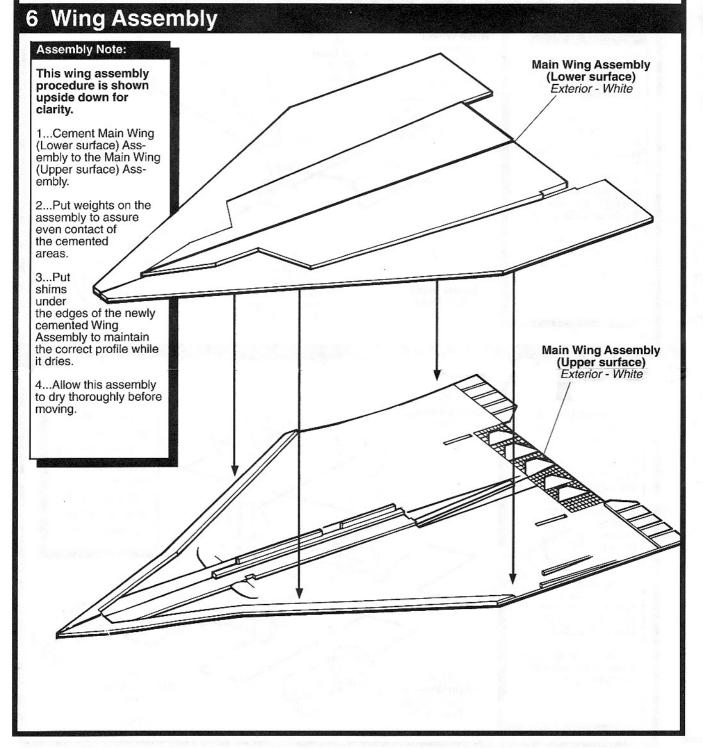
This wing assembly procedure is shown upside down.

- 1...Cement Main Wing -Left (7) to Main Wing -Right (8).
- 2...Carefully position the assembly so that all gluing surfaces match evenly. Then weight the assembly so that it will not move.
- 3...Allow the assembly to dry thoroughly without disturbing it.



5 Wing (Upper Surface) Assembly

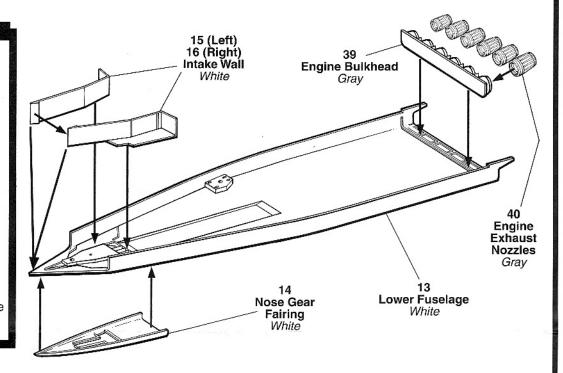




7 Lower Fuselage Assembly

Assembly Note:

- 1...Cement the Engine Intake Walls (15,16) to the inside of the Lower Fuselage (13) and to each other at the nose of each Wall as indicated.
- 2...Cement the Engine Bulkhead (39) into the Lower Fuselage (13).
- 3...Cement Exhaust Nozzles (40) to (39).
- 4...Cement the Nose Gear Fairing (14) to the underside of the fuselage as shown.
- 5...Allow the assembly to dry thoroughly before proceeding.

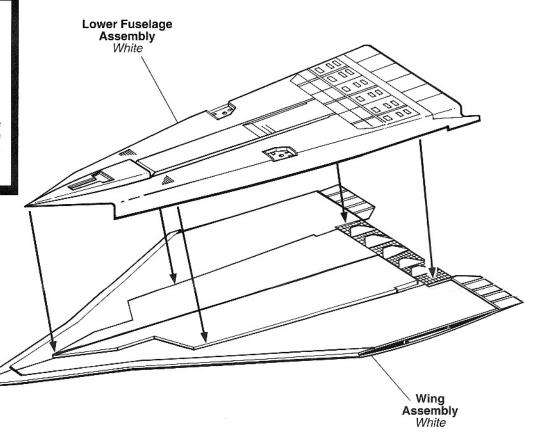


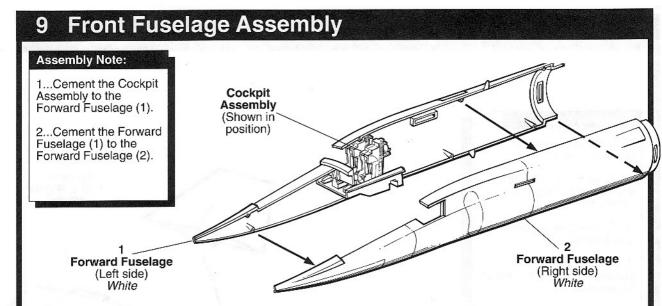
8 Lower Fuselage to Wing Assembly

Assembly Note:

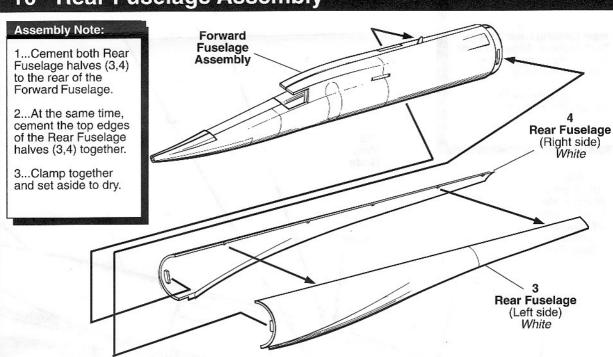
This step is shown upside down for clarity.

- 1...Cement the Lower Fuselage Assembly to the Main Wing Assembly as shown.
- 2...Set assembly aside to dry thoroughly while you proceed to Step 9.





10 Rear Fuselage Assembly

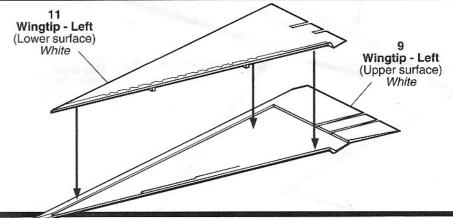


11 Wing Tip Assembly

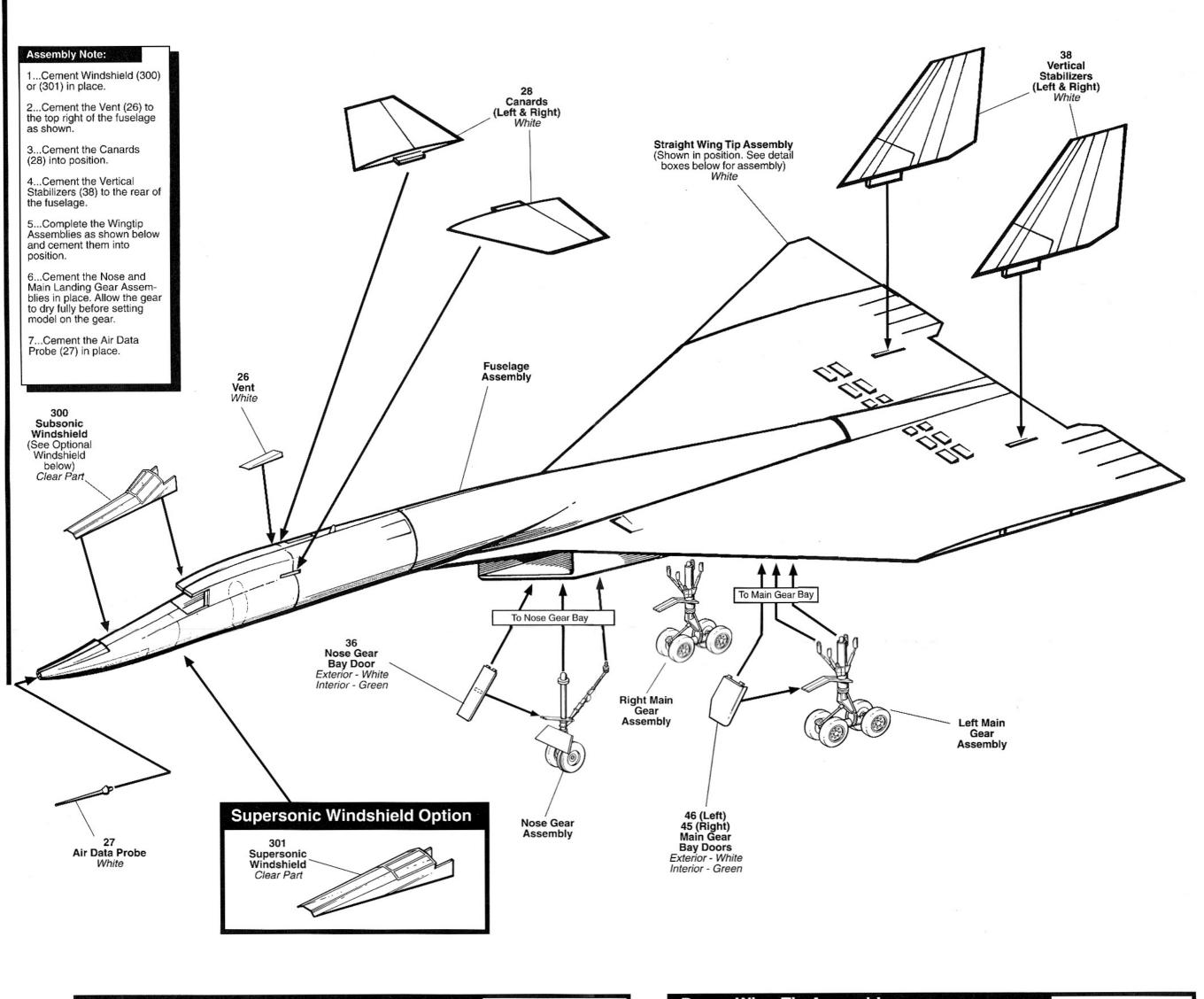
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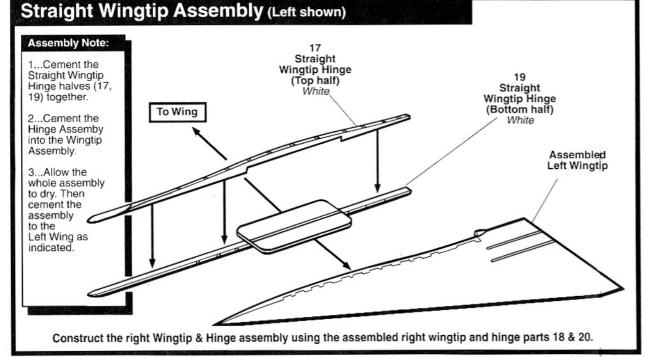
Assembly shown inverted for clarity.

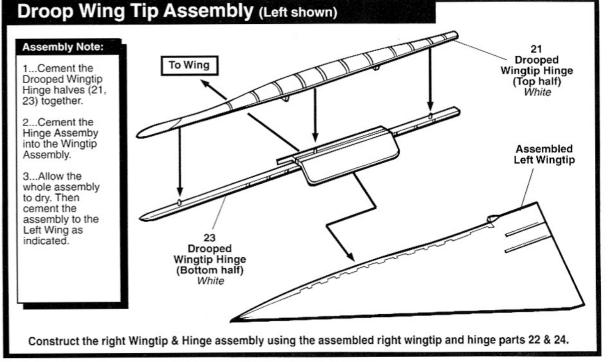
- 1...Cement the Left Wingtip Lower Surface (11) to the Left Wingtip Upper Surface (9)
- 2...Assemble the Right Wingtip in the same manner using parts (10,12).

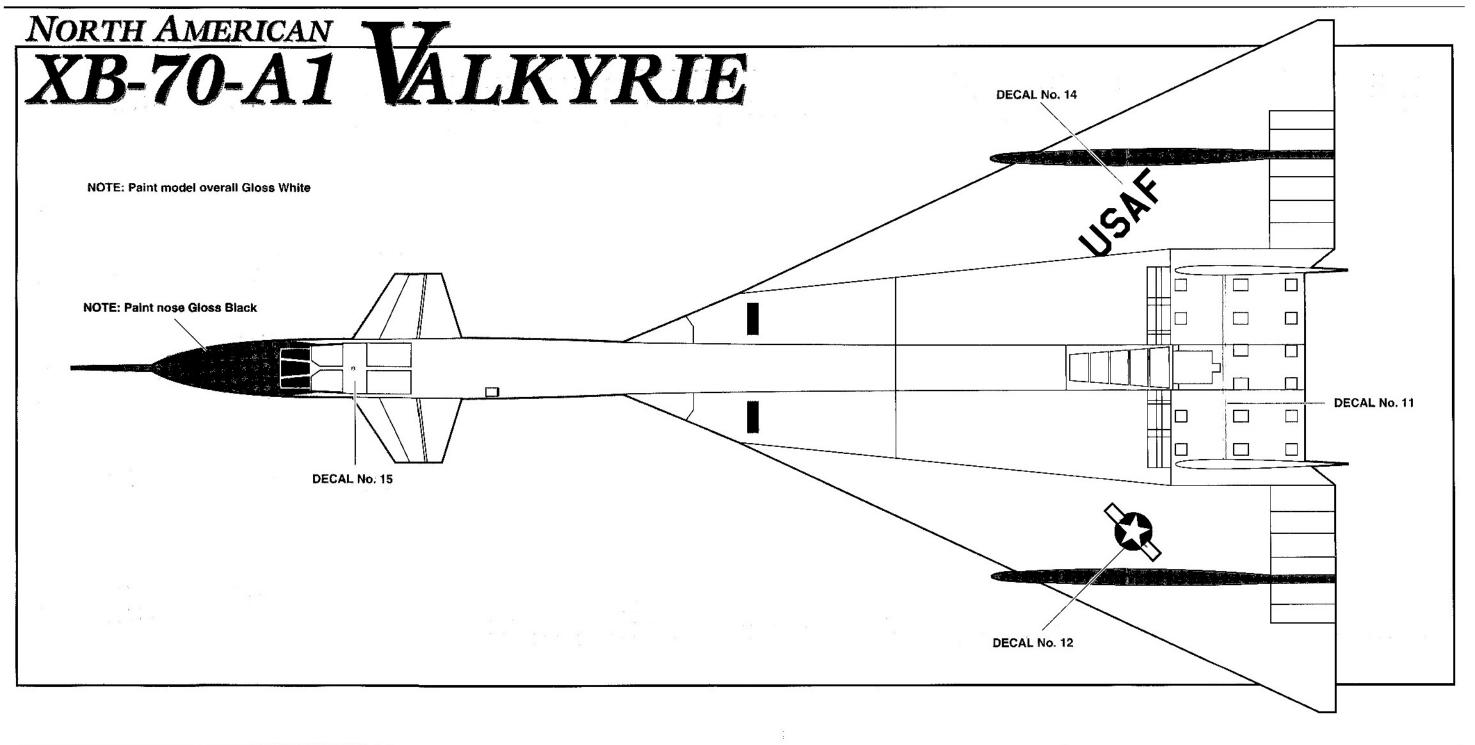


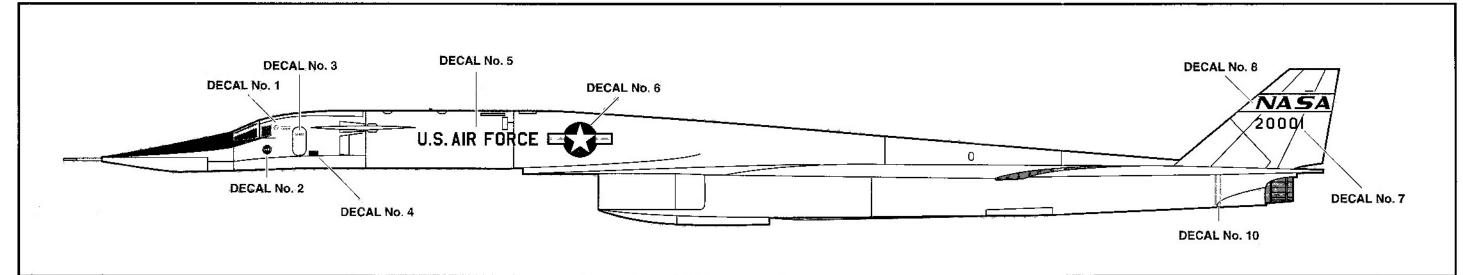
12 Upper Fuselage to Wing Assembly Assembly Note: 1...After the Fuselage Assembly constructed in Steps 9 and 10 has dried, cement it to the Wing Assembly. 2...Set this assembly aside to dry thoroughly before proceeding to Step 13. Wing/Lower Fuselage Assembly White Upper Fuselage Assembly White Form No. 099-8907

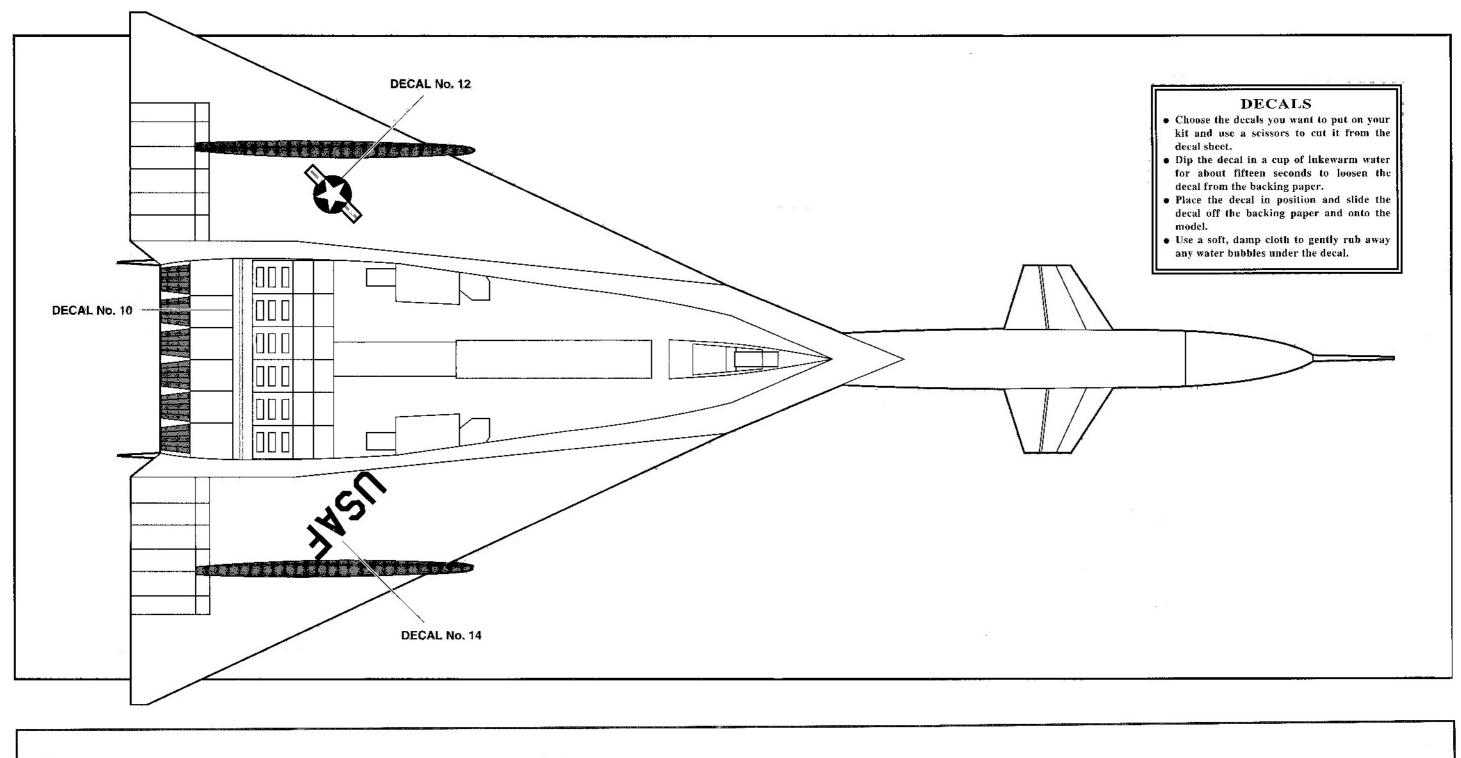


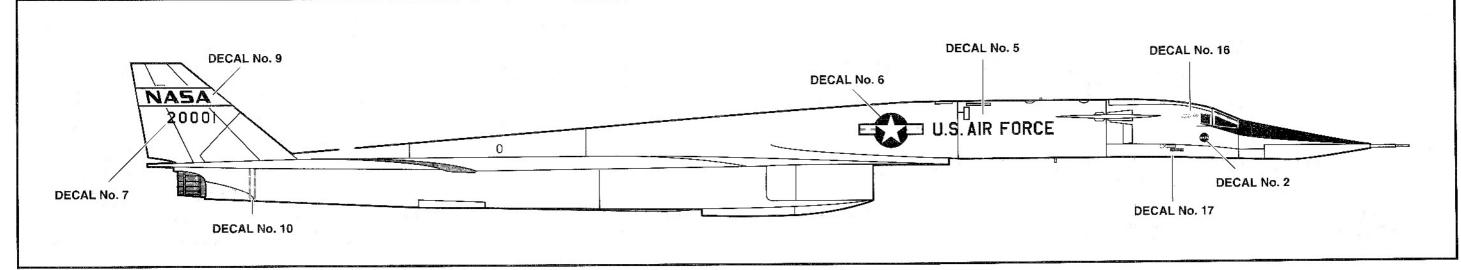


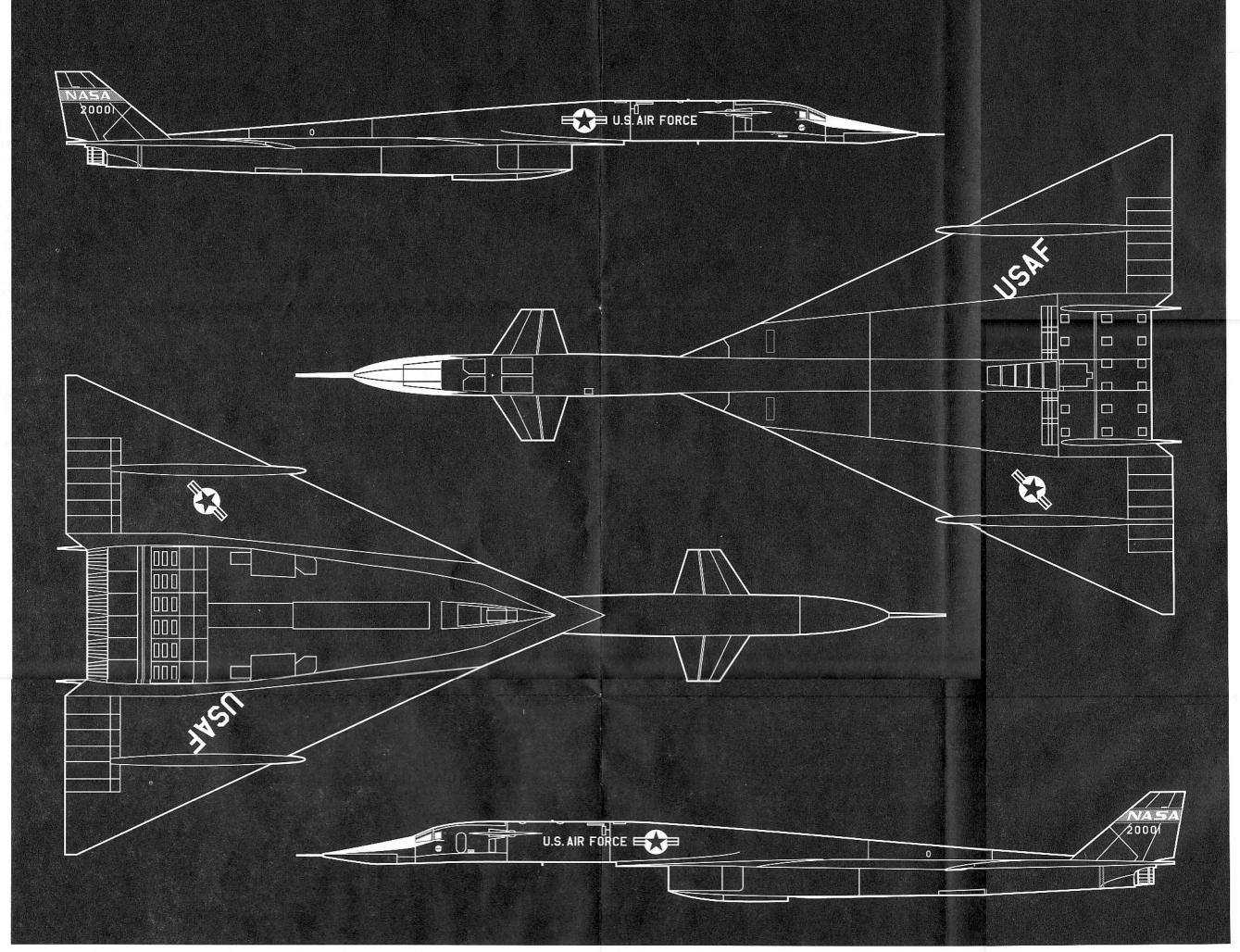














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