

US NAVAL TEST PILOTS SCHOOL F-18b

Quality Model Decal

DECAL SET #72.46 1/72 SCALE

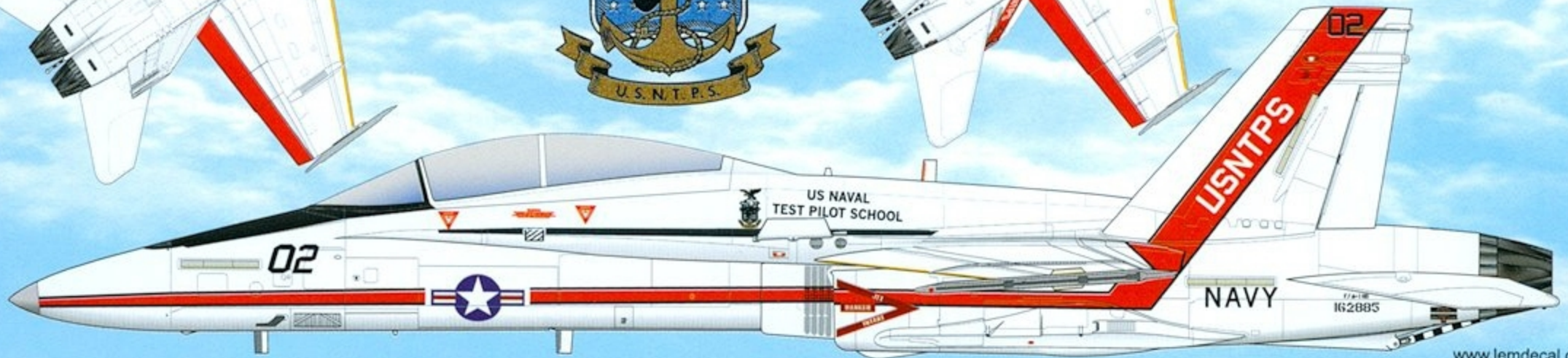
#48.46 1/48 SCALE

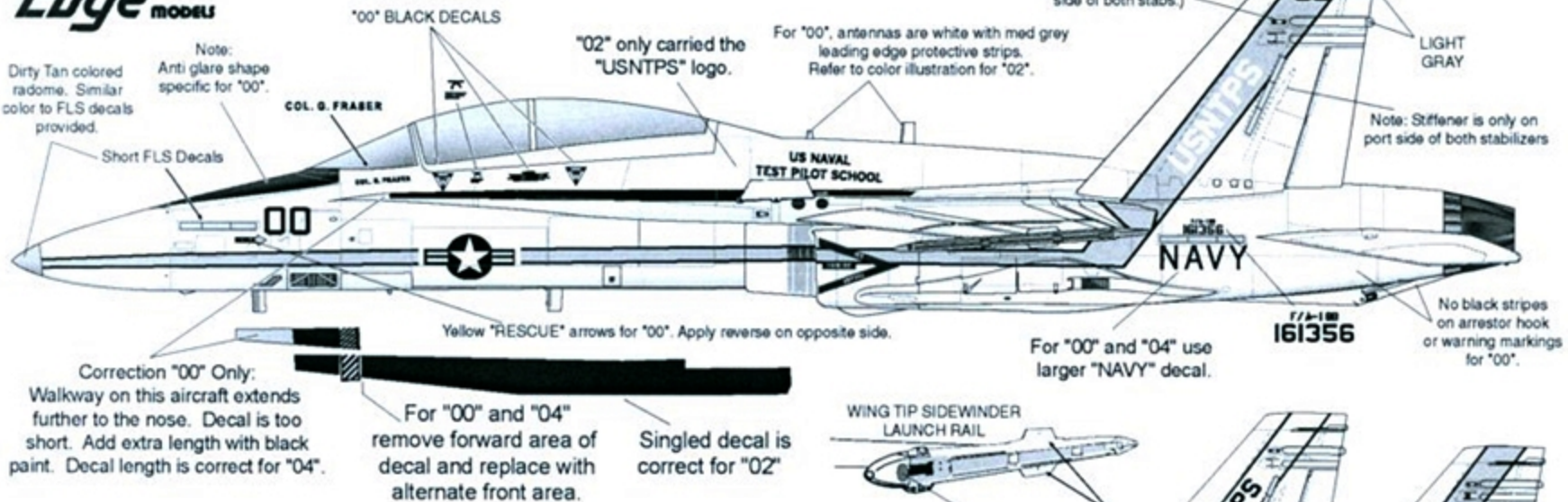
**Leading
Edge** MODELS



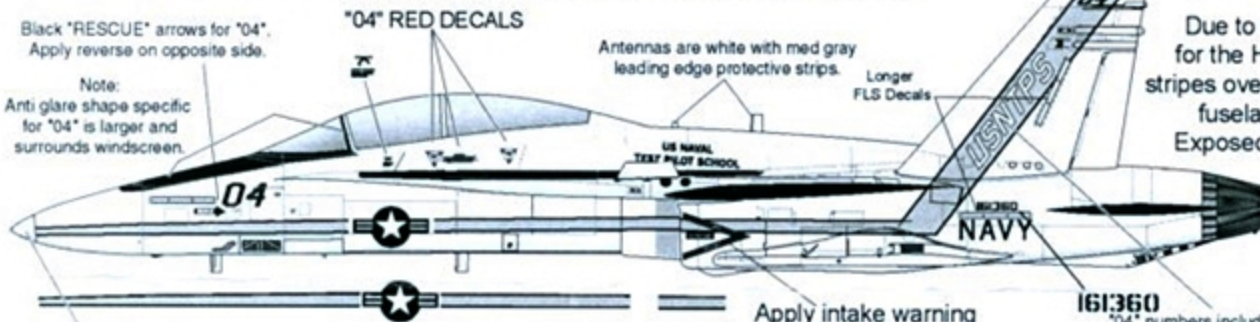
GLOSS WHITE

MATT BLACK





USNTPS aircraft are painted at different times and at different paint shops. The painting details for these aircraft vary for all markings except the orange stripes which appear to be reasonably consistent. The white "USNTPS", intake warning, "NAVY" lettering are different each for aircraft "03" and "04" making one decal sheet for all aircraft difficult. Aircraft shown are as they appeared summer 2002. Earlier photos cannot be used for this decal sheet as there were many differences. Previously there were national insignia on some aircraft but are no longer carried. Newer painted aircraft "00" and "02" carry the regular and not slanted "USNTPS" style on the tail.



"02" and "04" radomes appear much more gray and not the tan color normally seen.

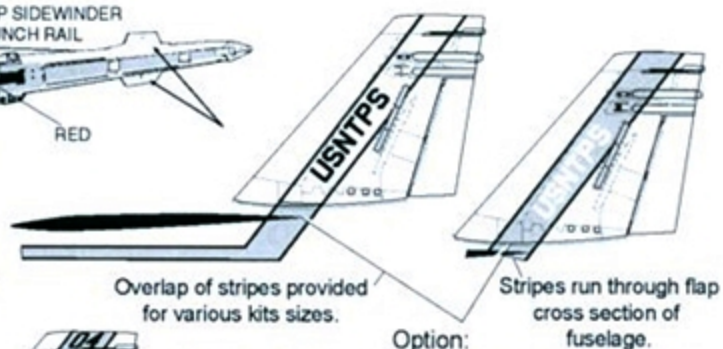
Leading edge of wings have a protective adhesive decal applied to the real aircraft. Model decal has been printed with an extra wide clear to allow the decal to wrap around the leading edge and stay down on the surface of the wing. Advanced modelers may want to reduce the size of this clear coat.

Recommended decal softener:
Gunze "Mr. Mark Softener"

Option 1/48:
Extra decals provided for separate flaperons as the Hasegawa kit has separate pieces for the flaps.

Wingtip missile rails:
Remain standard finish of FS# 36320 Gray.

Decal printing and graphics by:
LEADING EDGE MODELS
CANADA
www.ljemdecals.com



Overlap of stripes provided for various kits sizes.

Option:
Stripes run through flap cross section of fuselage.

Due to the differences in kits and separate flaps for the Hasegawa 1/48th, the lower and upper tail stripes overlap. Modellers may join these decals at the fuselage-tail or at the wing trailing edge area. Exposed fuselage section that flap normally hides continues the orange/black stripe.

LANDING GEAR & WHEEL WELLS: WHITE

INSIDE LANDING GEAR DOORS:
WHITE WITH RED TRIM ALONG INSIDE EDGE

IMPORTANT
Decals must be soaked in HOT water. Especially the longer decals or they may crack due to the expansion of the paper.

