



WHAT'S OUT THERE?
1/46th Sword T-38A



What's an AT-38B?

In 1975 the Lead in Fighter Training Program (LIFT) was initiated at Holloman AFB, New Mexico. After graduation from Upgrade Pilot Training (UPT), pilots that were slated for tactical aircraft were assigned to LIFT.

It was determined that these LIFT aircraft should have a limited air to ground and air to air capability to further enhance pilot training. With only a limited number of F-5Es available in the AF inventory, it was determined that some T-38s could be modified for this training.

The modification consisted of some structural enhancements of the centerline of the aircraft directly underneath the cockpit. There was also a pylon mounted that could carry either the SUU-20 Practice Bomb Dispenser or the SUU-11A/A Minigun Pod. There are three "flavors" of SUU-20 dispensers, the A/M, A/A and B/A. All three were carried by the LIFT Talons.

A total of 134 T-38As were modified to this configuration and many of the source aircraft came from the 54th FW at Nellis AFB, Nevada.

Holloman AFB was the home for Lead in Fighter Training until 1993. From 1993 to 1995, fighter training was transferred to the various UPT bases in Air Education and Training Command.

Source data provided by Don Logan.





PS49482
Tailfin 1722
Hambrol HU122
Guzon Bangyo H22
Xtracolor X149



PS49999
Tailfin 2031
Hambrol H1A
Guzon Bangyo H1A
Xtracolor X124



PS49414
Tailfin 2033
Hambrol H1A85
Guzon Bangyo H1A
Xtracolor X127



PS49344
Tailfin 1720
Hambrol H1H44
Guzon Bangyo H42
Xtracolor X126

We have included wing national insignia and USAF markings. More often than not, these markings were not applied to USAF aggressor A/C. Leave those off the wings and fuselage unless it you wish.



PS49301
Tailfin 1706
Hambrol HU121
Guzon Bangyo H22
Xtracolor X125



PS48286
Tailfin 2028
Hambrol H1A
Guzon Bangyo H1A
Xtracolor X120



PS49110
Tailfin H1A
Hambrol H1A
Guzon Bangyo H1A
Xtracolor X101



PS49184
Tailfin H1A
Hambrol H4K7
Guzon Bangyo H1A
Xtracolor H1A



PS49166
Tailfin 1720
Hambrol HU144
Guzon Bangyo H42
Xtracolor X145



PS49109
Tailfin 2031
Hambrol H1A
Guzon Bangyo H1A
Xtracolor X124

LPT takes careful wing insignia and USAF on both lower and upper wings.

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