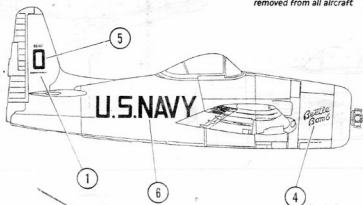


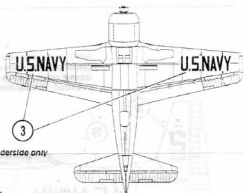
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F8F-2D Drone Controller & Beetle Bomb

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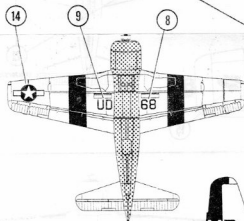


'Beetle Bomb' The Blue Angels solo performer as seen in 1948. Beetle Bomb started its career as an overall yellow SNJ-5 in 1946. In 1947 the F8F-1 was chosen as the solo performer and retained even after the Blue Angels gave up their Bearcats for F9F Panthers in 1950.

Overall Orange-Yellow FS 13538

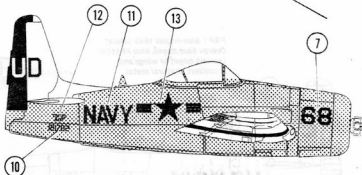


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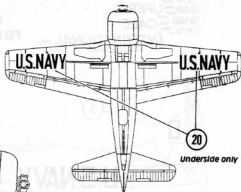
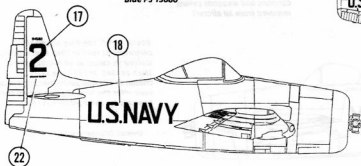
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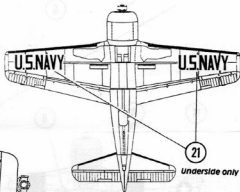
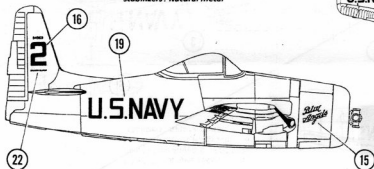
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F-8F-1 Blue Angels 1946-47
season Overall Blue Angels
Blue FS 15080



F-8F-1 Blue Angels 1948 Season
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Leading edges of wings and
stabilizers: Natural metal



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