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RNZAF T/A-4K Final Scheme Decals









These decals have been scaled from official records. This scheme was carried by many of the RNZAF Skyhawks operated during the period 1997-2001. From late 1997 onward the fleet was progressively repainted into the "low viz" scheme. However not all had been repainted when the Skyhawks were withdrawn in 2001. The ex-RNZAF Skyhawks operated by US firm DRAKKEN from 2013 are a mix of this scheme and Euro1. Both squadron markings are supplied. The T-birds are catered for.

Painting

Exterior is as per the schematic shown above. The aircraft is all over dark green FS34079, despite the "grey"ish look in many photos.

Decal

I have provided a wealth of detail here. You need to look carefully at photographs for the positions of the markings. The decal numbers and detail letters on the sheet cross refer to the same numbers or letters on the decal sheet. The ALQ-78 pod stencils are a bonus.

All sheets provide a full set of markings, but in 72 and 144 many will be very small. I have chosen to leave them in and let you choose what you use or do not use.

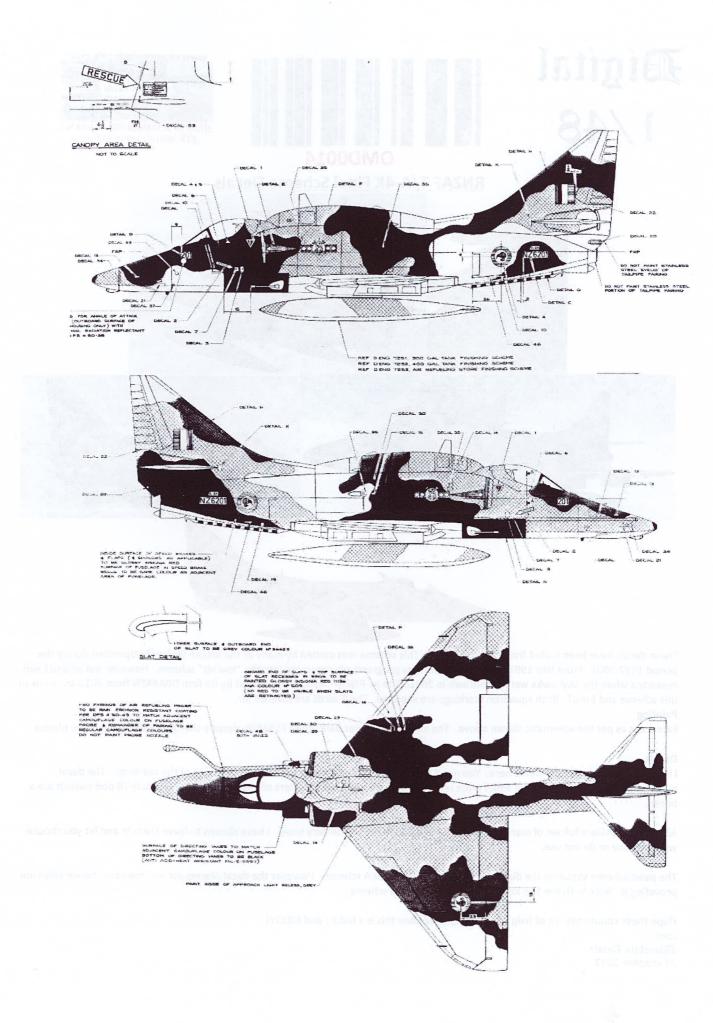
The paint scheme shown in the diagrams is that used by the SEA scheme. However the decal placement was the same hence why I am providing it. Note both the Sqn logos go on the tail for this scheme.

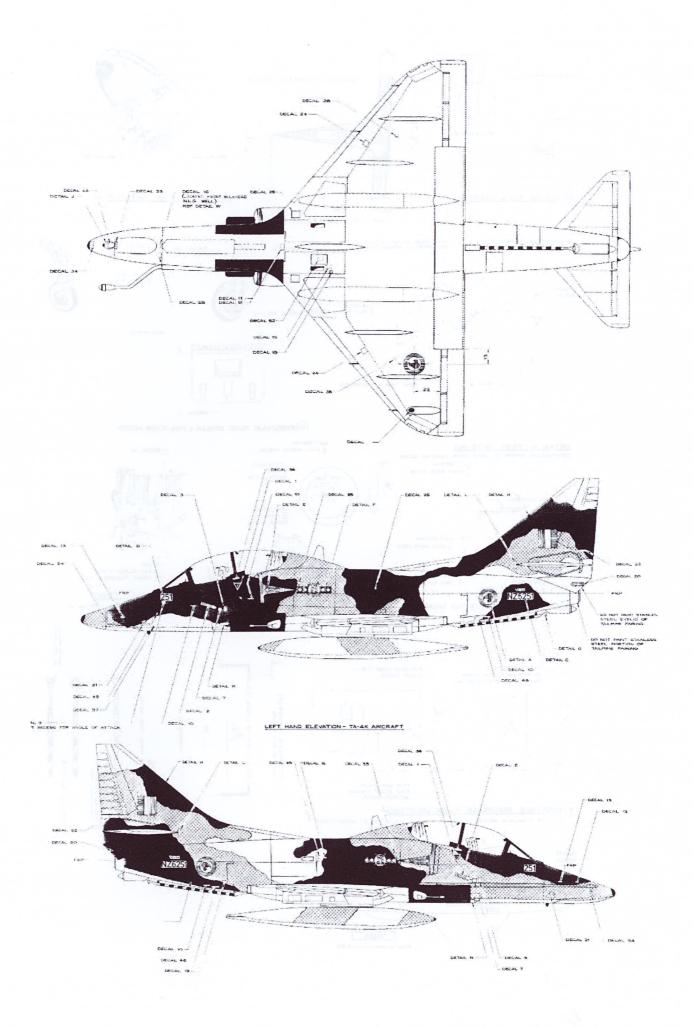
Hope these comments are of help. As always, remember this is a hobby and ENJOY!

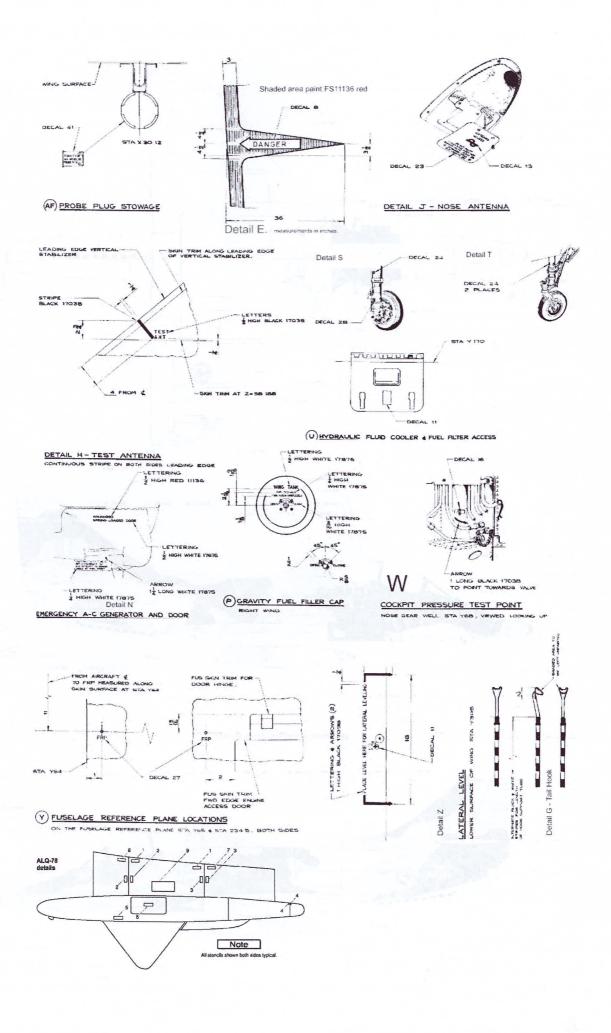
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PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE COMMITTING THE DECALS TO WATER

These instructions on decal preparation are generic and use apply to most decal brands.

These decals are a continuous sheet. Therefore you need to cut out around each decal. Digital decals will also stand being cut into pieces – this may help with large decals.

The backing stock (the clear areas) tend to be very thin. This may also be the case with dark colours. Experiment with spare bits, an overcoat of gloss/satin/matt clear coat maybe appropriate.

On the other hand some white and light coloured decals printed before April 2016 tend to be quite thick – this is caused by the white ink that needs to be thick to avoid "see through" opacity when applied over dark paint. This can make the decals difficult to bend and contour to the model. The use of Microsol or DACO or other brand similar products is recommended.

Please note that most decal stock do not like being over-soaked. Dip them just enough to become wet, remove and leave for a minute or so until they slide off. If over soaked they may lose their "stickiness". If this happens the use of Microset or DACO or other brand similar products is recommended.

Generally there are extra bits and/or options on most sheets – I suggest you play around with them and then do the "real" decal application.

