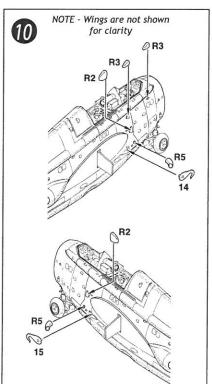
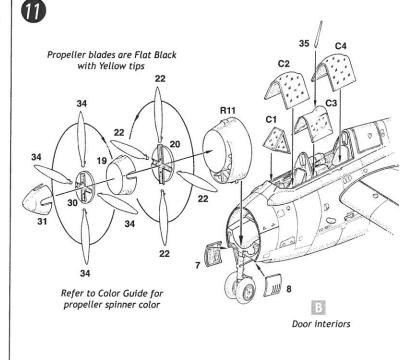


NOTE - Be sure to dry-fit and check alignment of all parts during assembly

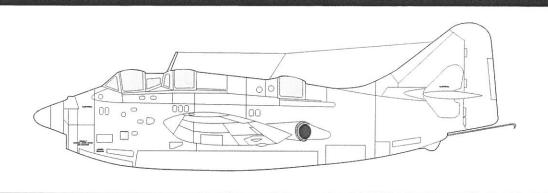






Classic Airframes





Gannet AS Mk.I/4

In October of 1945, the British Admirality issued specification GR 17/45 calling for a modern anti-submarine aircraft. Fairey responded with an ungainly design utilizing a cutting-edge power system which consisted of two Mamba gas turbine engines driving independent conta-rotating propellers. This particular design feature proved quite successful as not only could the aircraft cruise with one engine shut down, the contra-rotating propellers also cancelled out the propeller torque - ideal for carrier-based aircraft. Although the prototype Gannet first flew on September 19, 1949 as a two-seat design, it was soon determined that a third position be incorporated for a dedicated radar operator. Changes in armament requirements dictated a redesign and enlargement of the internal weapons bay to be able to accomodate bombs, torpedoes, depth charges and sonobuoys. Eventually the design of the Gannet was refined to carry underwing rockets. Fleet Air Arm No. 826 Squadron was the first to operate the Gannet in January of 1955. The type's success led to adoption by Australia, West Germany and Indonesia. Later, the Gannet was completely redesigned as an AEW aircraft, carrying a bulbous radome under the fuselage. The Gannet was finally retired from Royal Navy service in 1978.

Gannet AS Mk.I/4 Specifications

Powerplant: AS Double Mamba turboprop Armament: Various internal bomb, torpedo depth charge loads, provision for underwing rockets

Wing Span: 54' 4"
Length: 43'
Maximum Speed: ~ 310 mph

This model kit is intended for *experienced* modelers. The nature of low-pressure molded kits such as this require additional time and effort to clean up and fit the parts, as well as experience with the various media utilized to provide the most accurate effect on the finished model. Use CyA ('super') glue to assemble Resin parts.

