

SOVIET FIGHTER- BOMBERS 1:48 SCALE PLASTIC KIT

intro

On May 14, 1953 P. O. Sukhoi was ordered to lead the OKB-1 design bureau as successor to V. V. Kondratienko. This design bureau was established to copy the North American F-86 Sabre fighter used by the USAF in Korea. Work on a supersonic fighter was started in the summer of 1953. There were two different development concepts pursued - first one featured a swept wing (prefixed 'S') and second one utilized a delta wing (prefixed 'T').

The project using the swept wing concept under the designation S-1 was started in November, 1953, and the mock-up was commissioned in February of the following year. The first prototype was completed in June, 1955, and after a series of ground trials made its maiden flight on September 7, 1955. The aircraft was powered by the new TRD AL-7 jet engine that allowed it to fly faster than sound. The aircraft also had a wing sweep of 60°, irreversible hydraulically boosted controls, and an ejection seat of Sukhoi's own design.

The first prototype was flown by A. G. Kochetkov on its maiden flight. The aircraft conducted ten more flights and was uprated with the more powerful A-7F engine with afterburning. The modified prototype reached a speed of 2.070 km/h, which was higher than that required by the military committee, and based on this performance, the aircraft was recommended for serial production. Production ran at No. 126 Plant in Komsomolsk upon Amur. The aircraft was armed with three 37mm Nudelman NR-37 cannons and 32 unguided missiles in the ventral bay. Some problems with engine reliability were encountered during test flights and these difficulties led to the crash of the first prototype, costing the life of test pilot I. N. Sokolov. In the meantime, the second prototype, coded S-2, took to the sky.

The new aircraft was introduced to the public during the military parade in Toshino on June 24, 1956. It entered service in 1959 under the Su-7 designation, and serial production yielded 132 aircraft in total. Su-7s saw limited service only due to the first prototype crash. On July 31, 1958, the Soviet tactical air force sent the requirements to the OKB-1 to design a more advanced version that could be used in the fighter-bomber role. Sukhoi designed the type under the company designation S-22, and incorporated structural refinements for high-speed low-altitude operations. It flew for the first time on April 24, 1959 with E. S. Solov'yev at the controls. The aircraft was powered by the AL-7F-1 engine and entered service in January 1961 under the designation Su-7. It was produced in 1960 and 1961.

The next step in the Su-7 development was the Su-7BM. It had an upgraded fuel system with the pipeline ducting visible on the upper fuselage. There was also the option of attaching external fuel tanks under the wings, and the aircraft could be used as a nuclear bomber. This version was produced between 1963 and 1965 primarily for the Soviet Air Forces. Two more members of the Warsaw Pact obtained this version -Czechoslovakia and Poland. The Su-7s were also delivered to countries outside of the Warsaw Pact with good relations with the Soviet Union and the communist world. These were manufactured between 1967 and 1971 and designed Su-7BMK (letter K is an abbreviation of the Russian word 'komer chenyi' - 'commercial' in English).

The Su-7BKL version was developed for rough field operation. It had the undercarriage modified with small skids added to both main undercarriage legs. Two braking chutes were added and the SPRD-110 JATO rockets of 29.4 kN additional thrust could be attached to the aircraft. This version was produced from 1965 to 1972 and besides the Soviet Union, served also with Czechoslovak and Polish air forces. All single-seat Su-7s obtained the NATO codename 'Fitter A'.

Towseaters were designed for training purposes. The first one to appear was the Su-7U that performed its maiden flight on October 25, 1965. It was followed by the Su-7UM (based on the Su-7BM) and the export version Su-7UMK (based on Su-7BMK). All trainers were codenamed 'Moujik' by NATO.

Su-7s of all versions were used by Soviet air forces up to the mid '80s. Nonetheless, during the early '70s, replacement by the Su-17 and MiG-27 had begun. The Su-7 found its way into the services of Afghanistan, Algeria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, India, North Korea, Poland, South Yemen, Syria and Vietnam. It is assumed that Su-7s are still in service in North Korea and Vietnam.

Total production amounts to 1.847 of all version, 691 of which were sold abroad.

Dne 14. května 1953 byl P. O. Suchoj rozkazem stanoven vedoucím konstrukčním kanceláře OKB-1, kterou převzal po dosavadním vedoucím V. V. Kondratěvovi. Tato kancelář byla ustavena o rok dříve s cílem zkonstruovat kopii amerického stíhacího stroje North American F-86 Sabre. Již během léta začala OKB práce na nadzvukovém letounu, v sovětské terminologii zvaném frontovoj istrebitel – tedy stíhací letoun pro vybojování převahy nad bojištěm. Uvažovalo se o dvou variantách – se šípovým (označený S) a delta křídlem (označený T). Oficiálně byly práce zahájeny 5. srpna 1953.

Projekt letounu se šípovým křídlem pod označením S-1 byl odstartován v listopadu 1953, v únoru následujícího roku byla hotova a schválena maketa. Výroba prototypu byla dokončena v červnu 1955. Po sérii pozemních testů letoun poprvé vzlétl 7. září 1955. Poháněl jej nový motor TRD AL-7, jenž umožňoval lety nadzvukovou rychlosť. Pro nový stroj byly charakteristickými křídlo o šípu 60°, hydraulicky ovládaná kormidla a vystřelovací sedačka pilota vlastní konstrukce. Zálet prototypu uskutečnil A. G. Kočetkov. Po jedenácti vzletech byl letoun vybaven motorem s přídavným spalováním AL-7F a s ním 9. června 1956 letěl rychlosťí 2,070 km/h. Tato hodnota byla vyšší, než hodnota požadovaná v zadání a typ byl doporučen k sériové výrobě. Ta probíhala v závodě č. 126 v Komsomolsku na Amuru. Výzbroj se měla skládat ze tří 37mm kanonů Nudelman NR-37 a 32 neřízených raket umístěných v šachtě v trupu. Zkušební lety však doprovázely komplikace způsobené nespolehlivým motorem a vše vyústilo v havárii, při níž byl 23. listopadu 1957 ztracen první prototyp. V troskách stroje zahynul zkužební pilot I. N. Sokolov. Mezičtím už létal i druhý prototyp označený S-2. Veřejnosti byl nový typ představen na vojenských přehlídkách v Tušinu 24. června 1956.

Do služby byl typ zaveden v roce 1959 pod označením Su-7. Výroba čítala 132 strojů a kvůli havárii prototypu S-1 se dočkal pouze omezeného nasazení. Již 31. července 1958 sovětské taktické letectvo požádalo OKB-1 o zkonstruování pokročilejší verze letounu, která by plnila úkoly stíhacího bombardéru. OKB Suchoj reagovala typem S-22, který nabízel lepší výkony v nižších letových hladinách. Poprvé vzlétl 24. dubna 1959 s E. S. Solov'jevem v kokpitu. Poháněl jej motor AL-7F-1 a do služby se typ dostal pod označením Su-7B počínaje lednem 1961. Výroba probíhala v letech 1960 a 1961.

Další vývojovou verzí byl Su-7BM. Vylepšený palivový systém se navenek projevoval palivovým potrubím vedeným podél na povrchu hřbetu trupu. Pod křídlo bylo možné podvěsit přídavné palivové nádrže, letoun mohl být nasazen také v roli nosiče jaderných zbraní. Tato verze byla pro potřeby sovětského letectva vyráběna v letech 1963 až 1965. Letouny se dostaly také do dvou zemí Varšavské smlouvy, jako první dostalo Su-7BM bývalé Československo následované Polskem. Pro exportní účely mimo země Varšavské smlouvy výroba pokračovala v letech 1967 až 1971 a stroje byly dodávány pod označením Su-7BMK.

Pro operace z polních letišť byla vyvinuta verze Su-7BKL. Od svých předchůdců se odlišovala modifikovaným podvozkem s pomocnými lyžemi a dvojicí brzdících padáků. Pro Usnadnit vzet z krátkých VPD mohly dva pomocné raketové motory SPRD-110 o tahu 29.4 kN instalované na závěsných bodech pod trupem. Verze byla vyráběna v letech 1965 až 1972 a kromě Sovětského svazu ji užívaly pouze Československo a Polsko. Všechny jednomístné verze Su-7 nesly v systému kódového označení NATO jméno Fitter A.

Pro potřeby výcviku pilotů byly vyráběny cvičné dvoumístné verze. Jako první se objevila Su-7U zalétaná 25. října 1965. Na ni navázaly verze Su-7UM vycházející z Su-7BM a Su-7UMK, což byla její exportní varianta. Cvičné stroje byly v kódě NATO nazývány Moujik.

Stroje byly užívány sovětskými ozbrojenými silami, ale zde je poměrně záhy začaly nahrazovat typy Su-17 a MiG-27. Poslední exempláře dosloužily v polovině 80. let. Suchoje si našly svou cestu do letectev řady zemí, včetně bývalého Československa. U nás sloužily u 28. a 20. sboru na základnách Čáslav a Náměšť nad Oslavou. Výřazeneny byly na samém konci 90. let minulého století.

V zahraničí jej používala letectva Afghánistánu, Alžír, Egypta, Indie, Iráku, Severní Koreje, Polska, Jižního Jemenu, Sýrie a Vietnamu. Usuzuje se, že dosud létají v Severní Koreji a ve Vietnamu.

Celkem bylo vyrobeno 1847 Su-7 všech verzí, 691 z nich šlo na export.

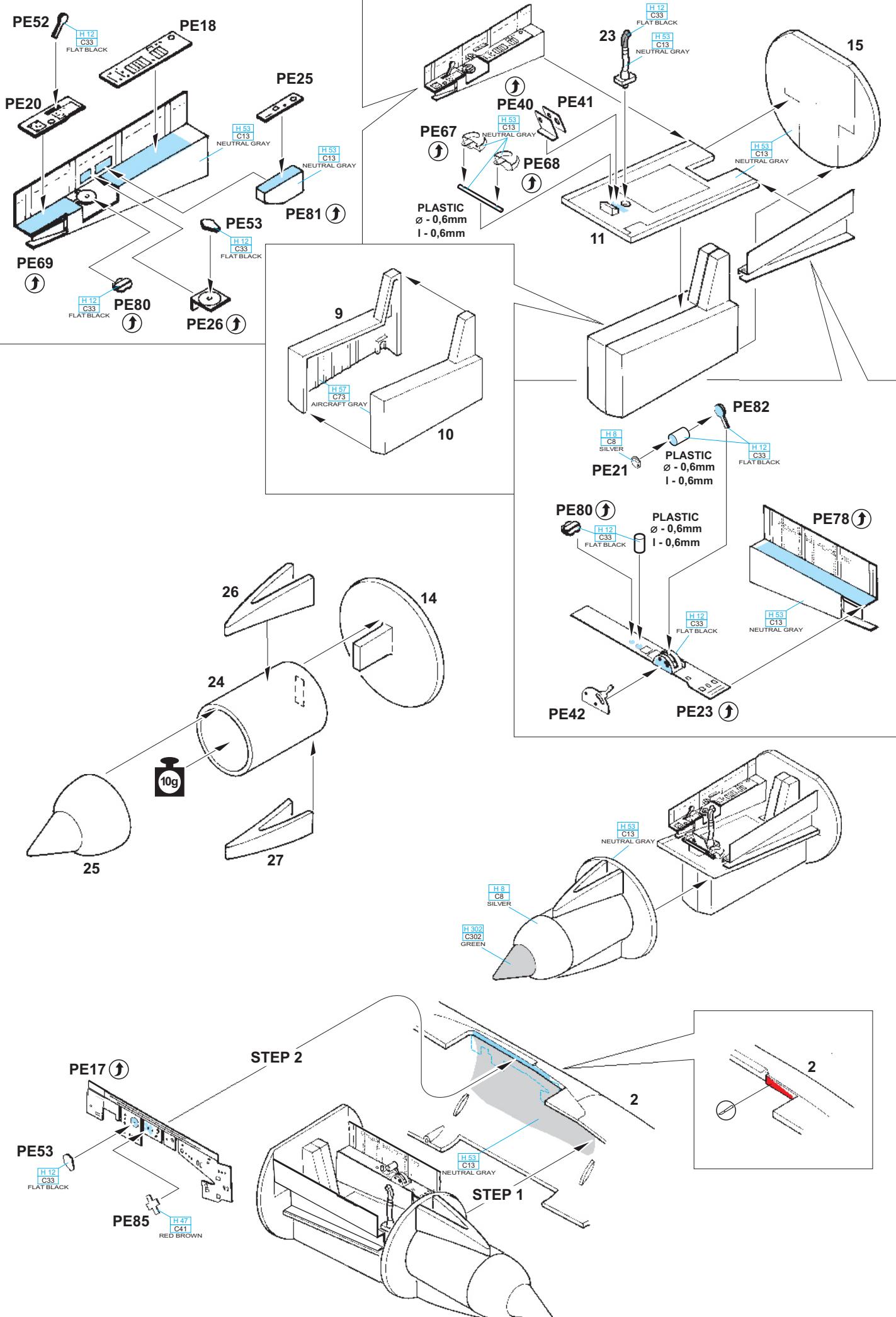


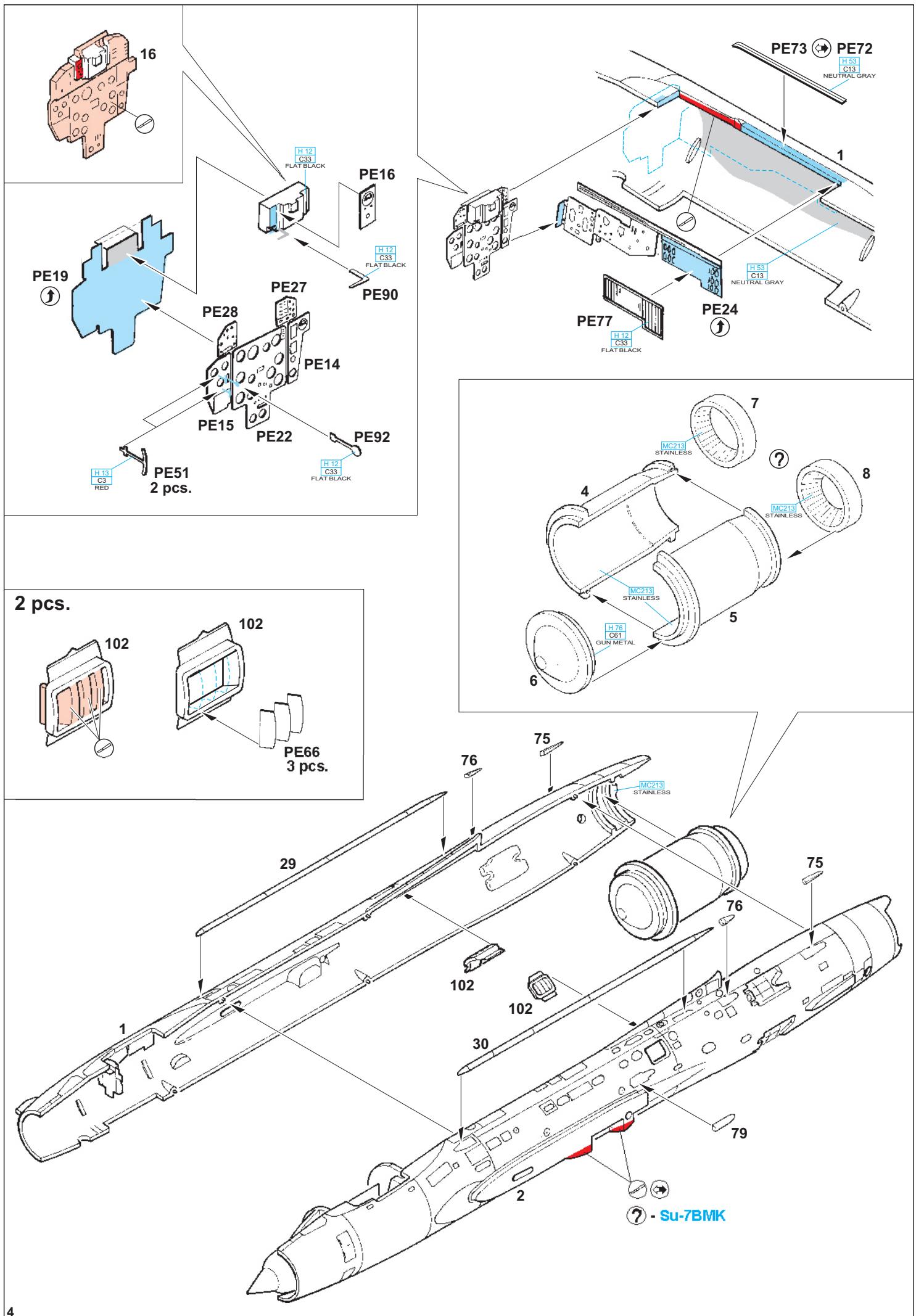
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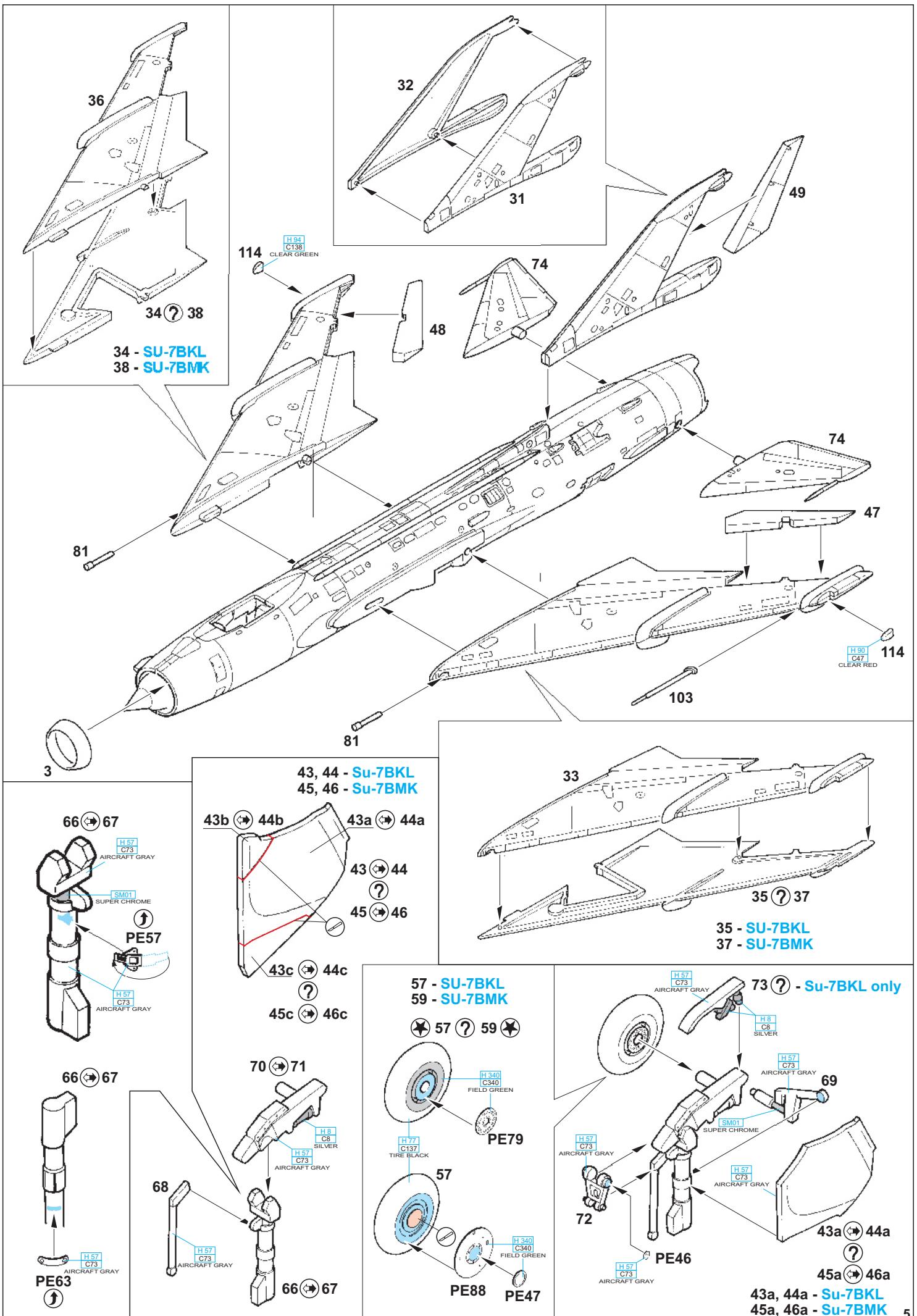
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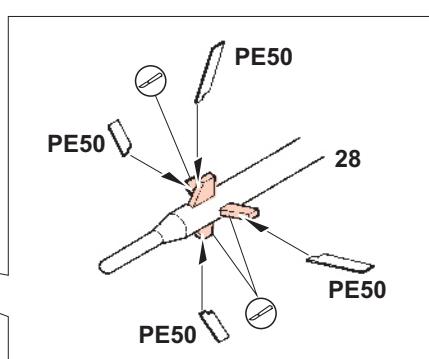
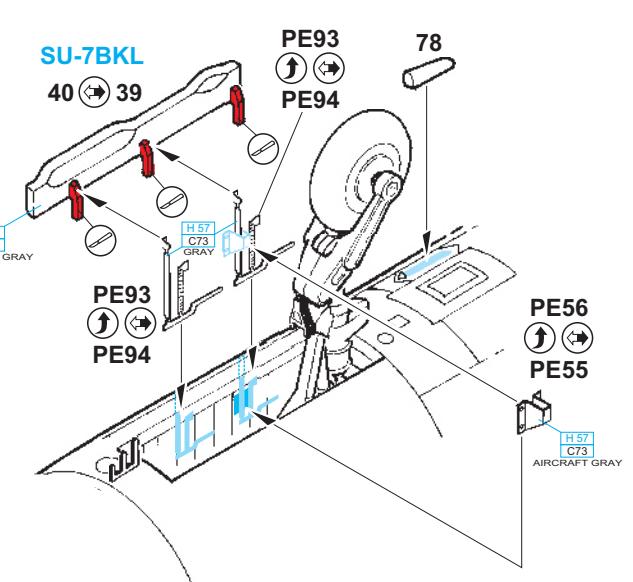
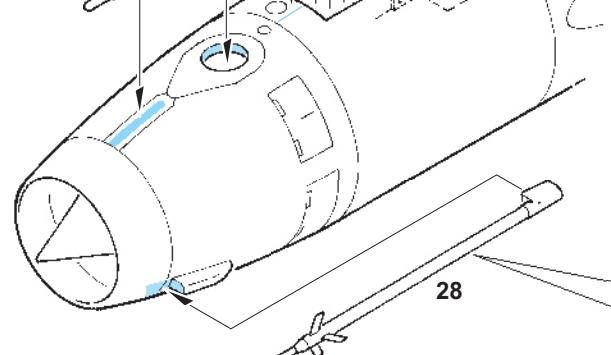
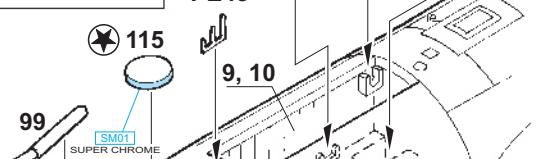
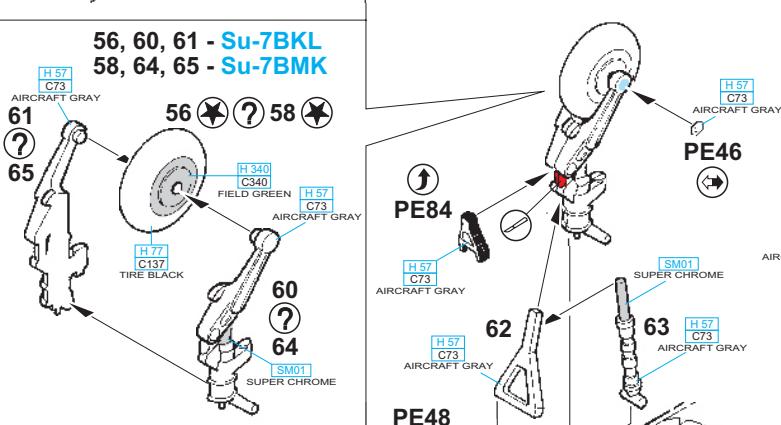
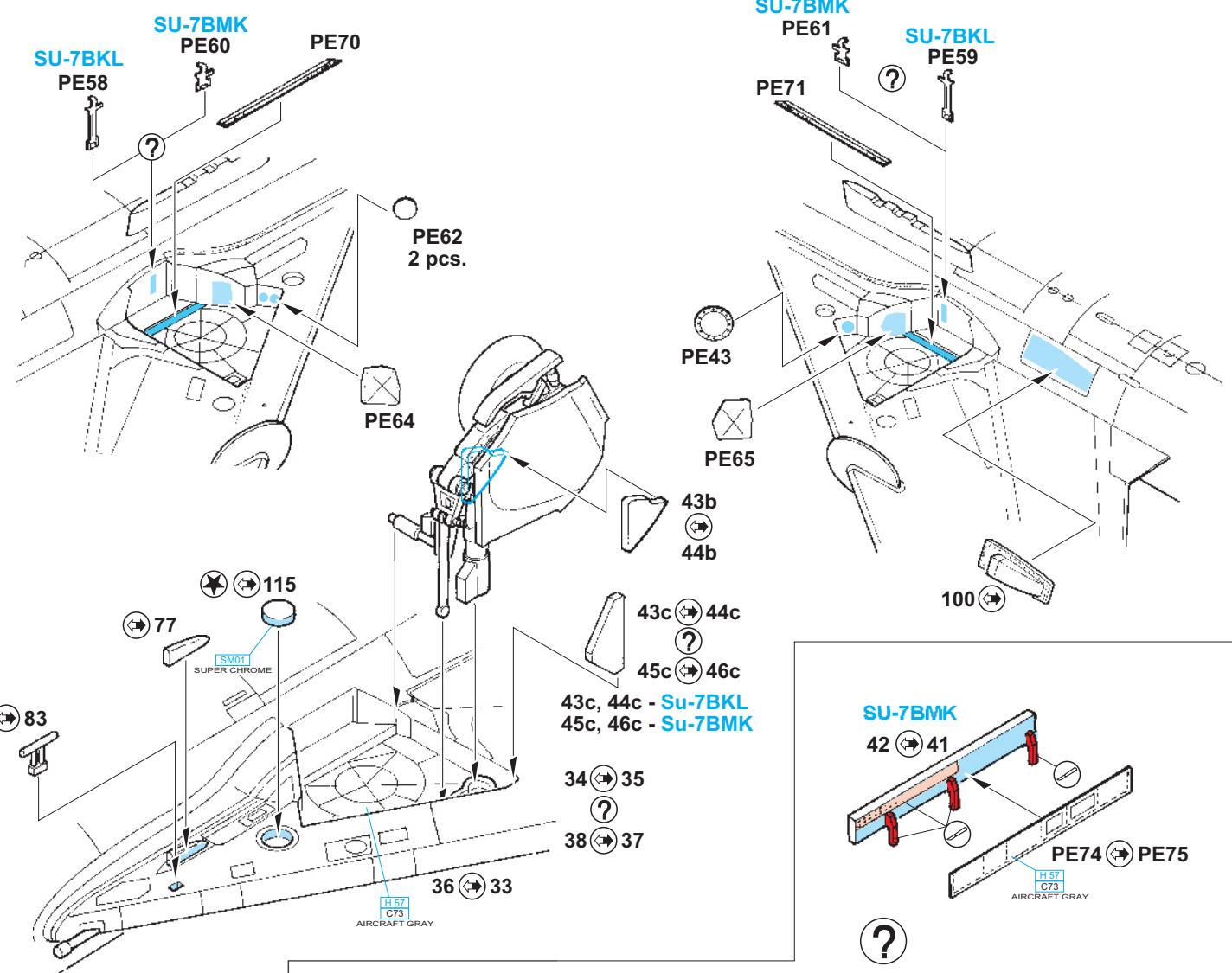


Su-7BMK, Indian Air Force, No.32 Squadron, India, 1982

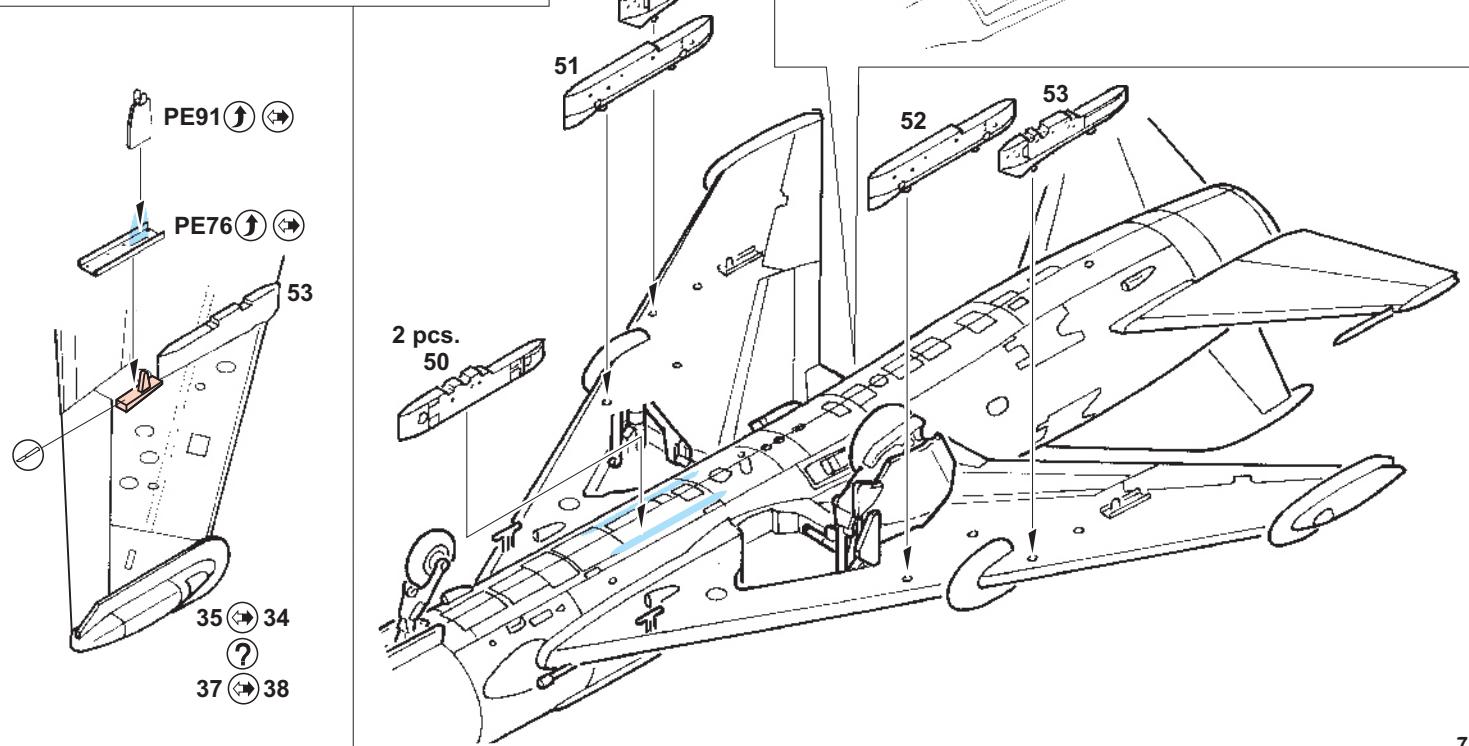
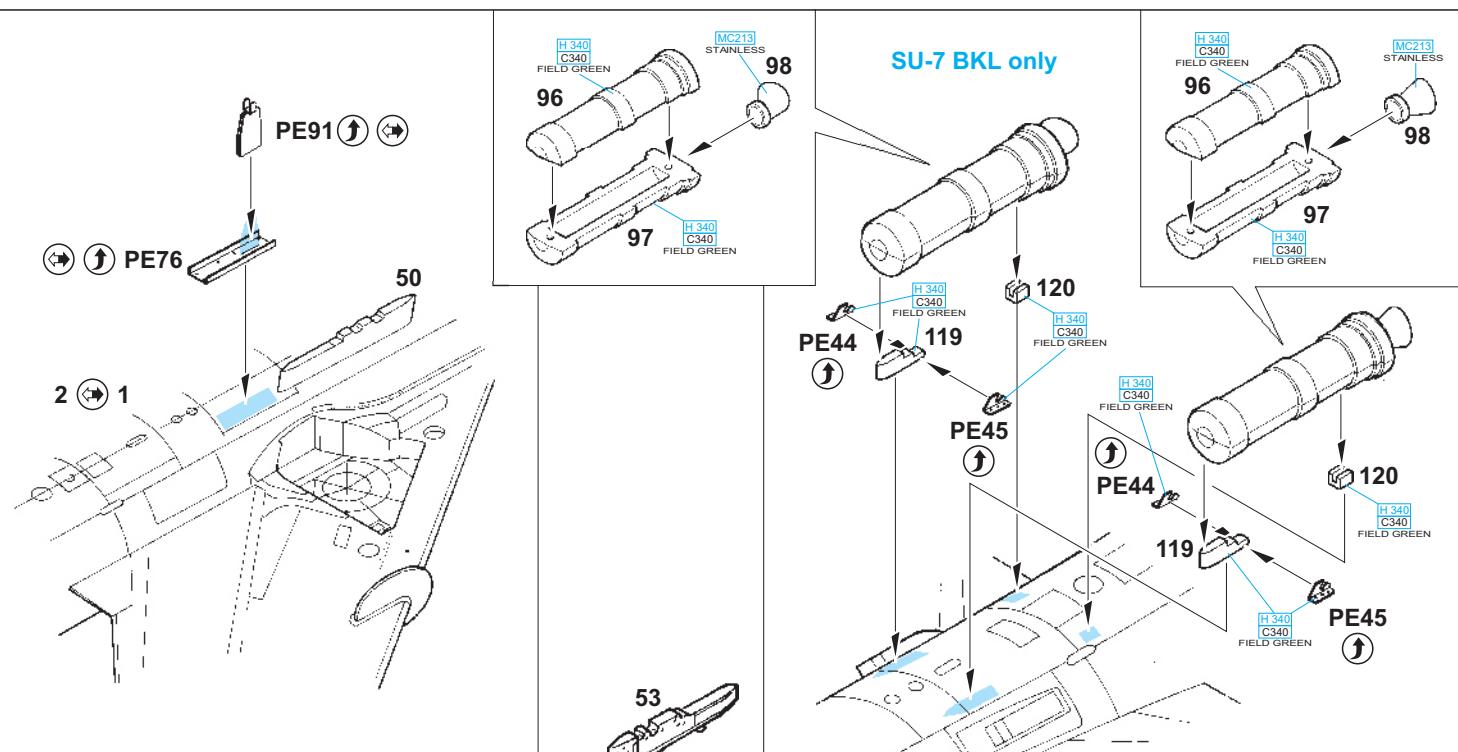
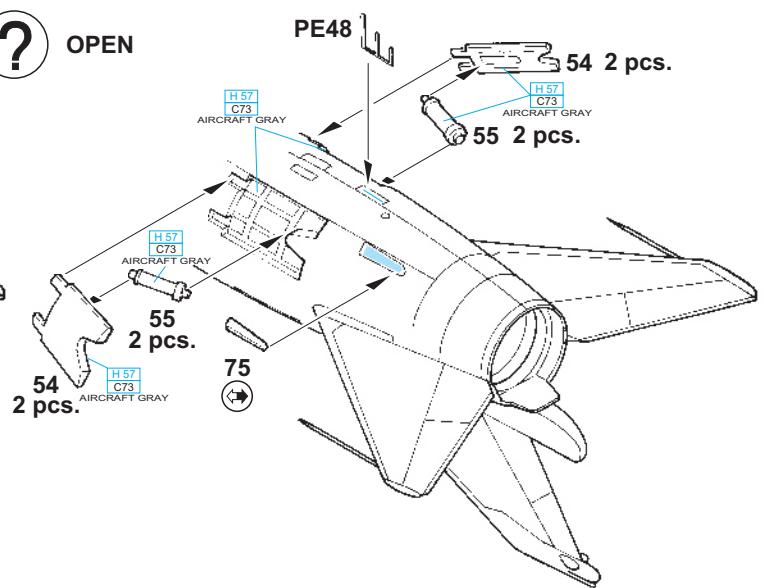
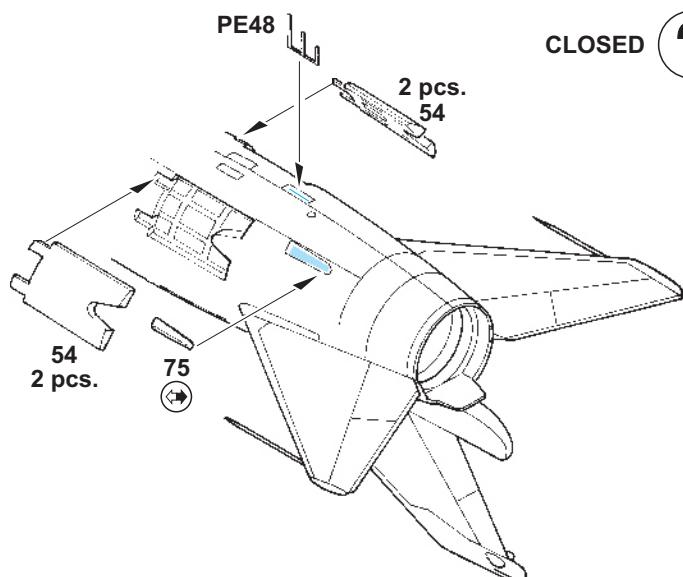


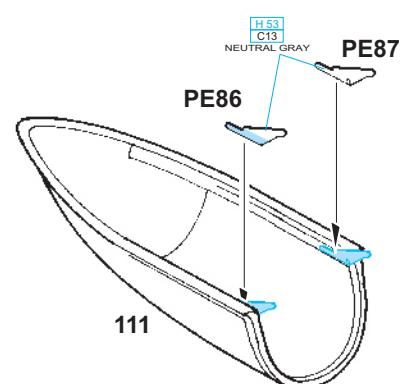
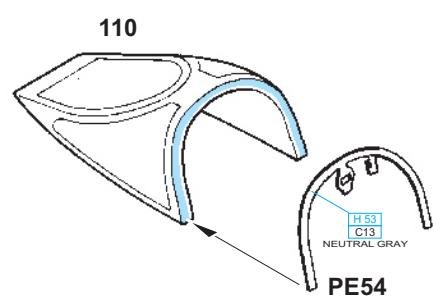
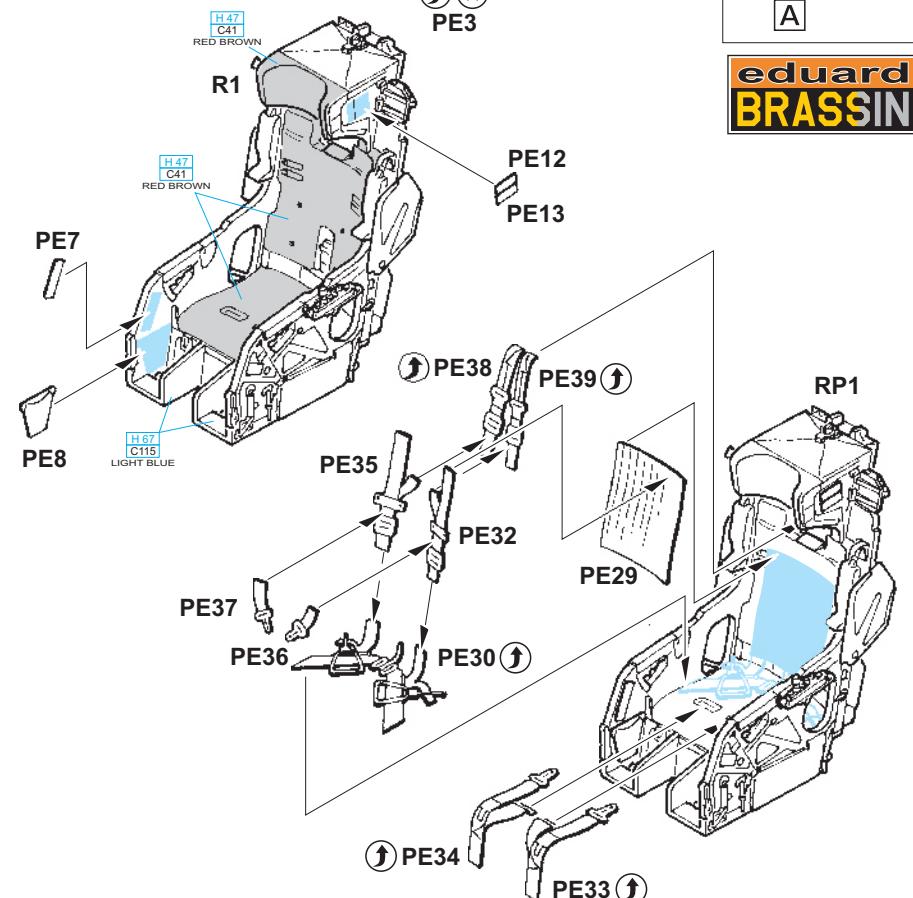
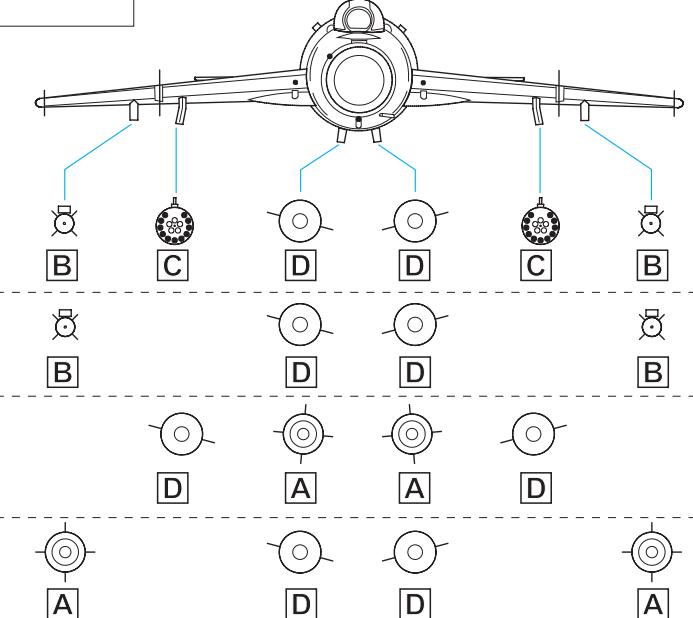
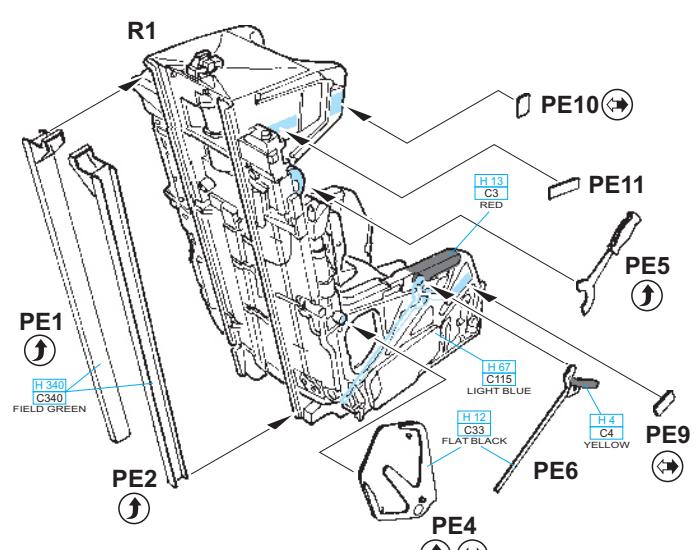
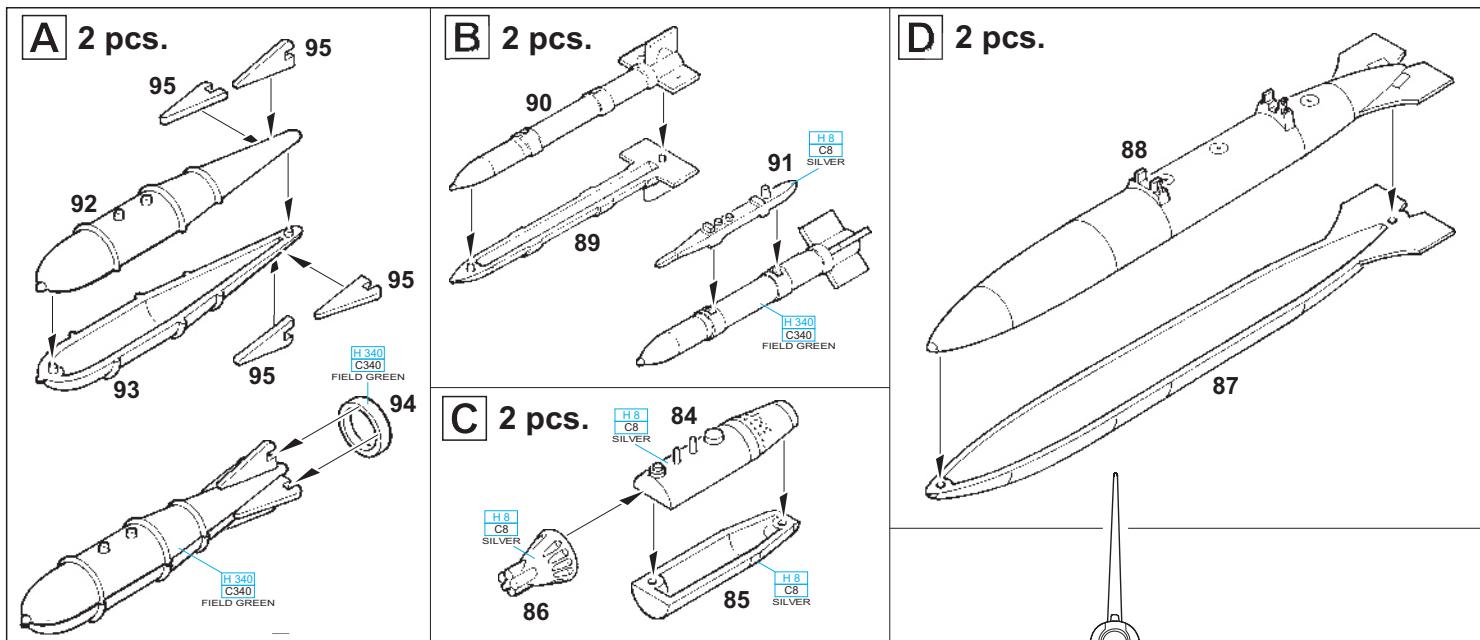


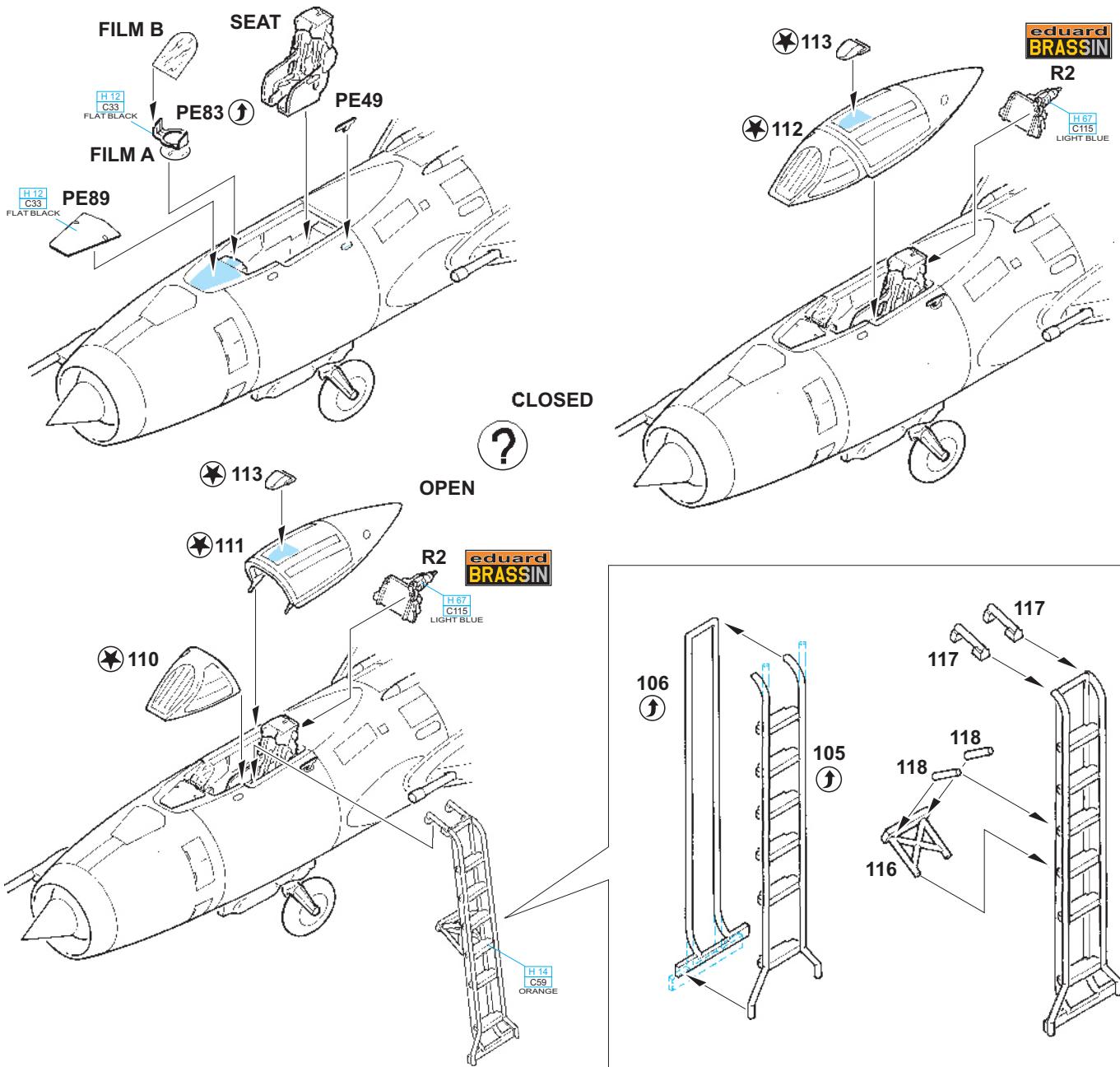




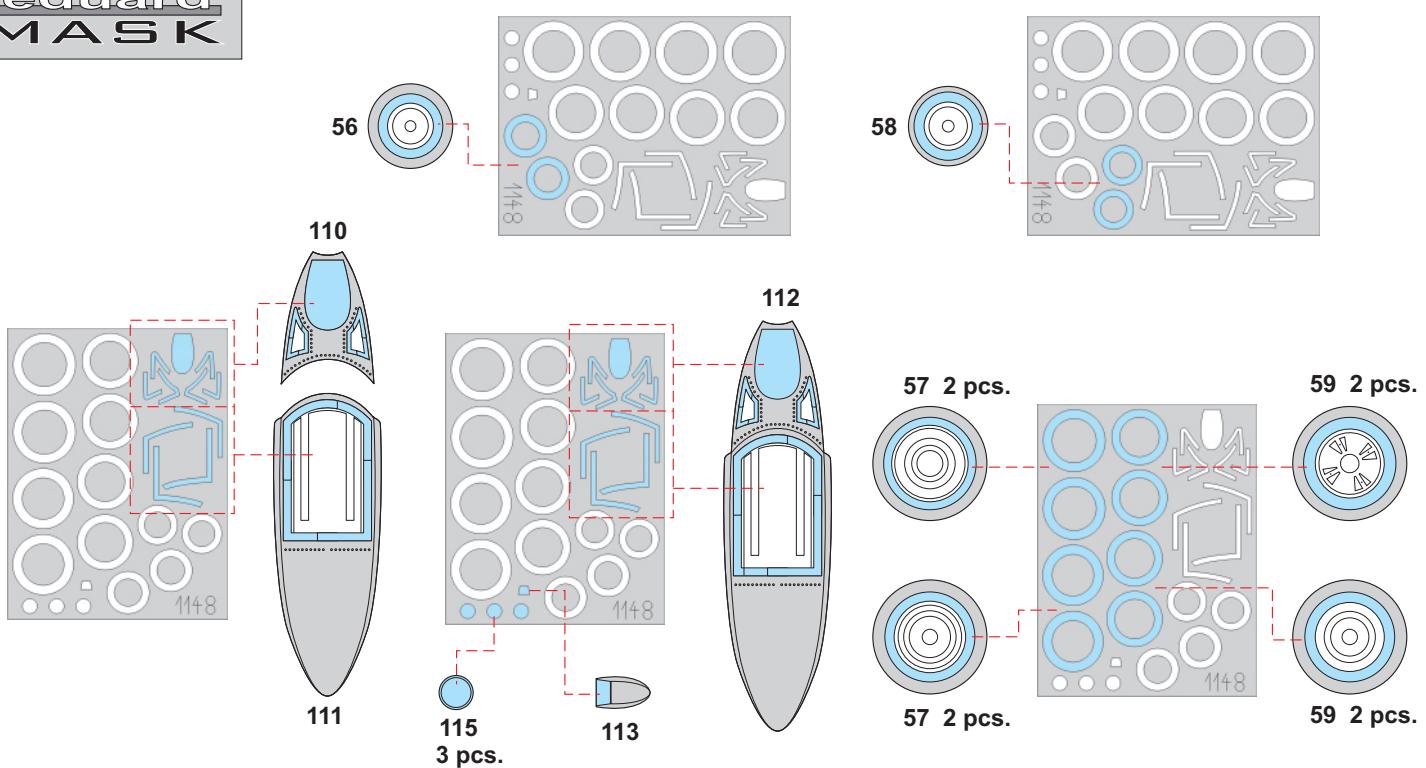
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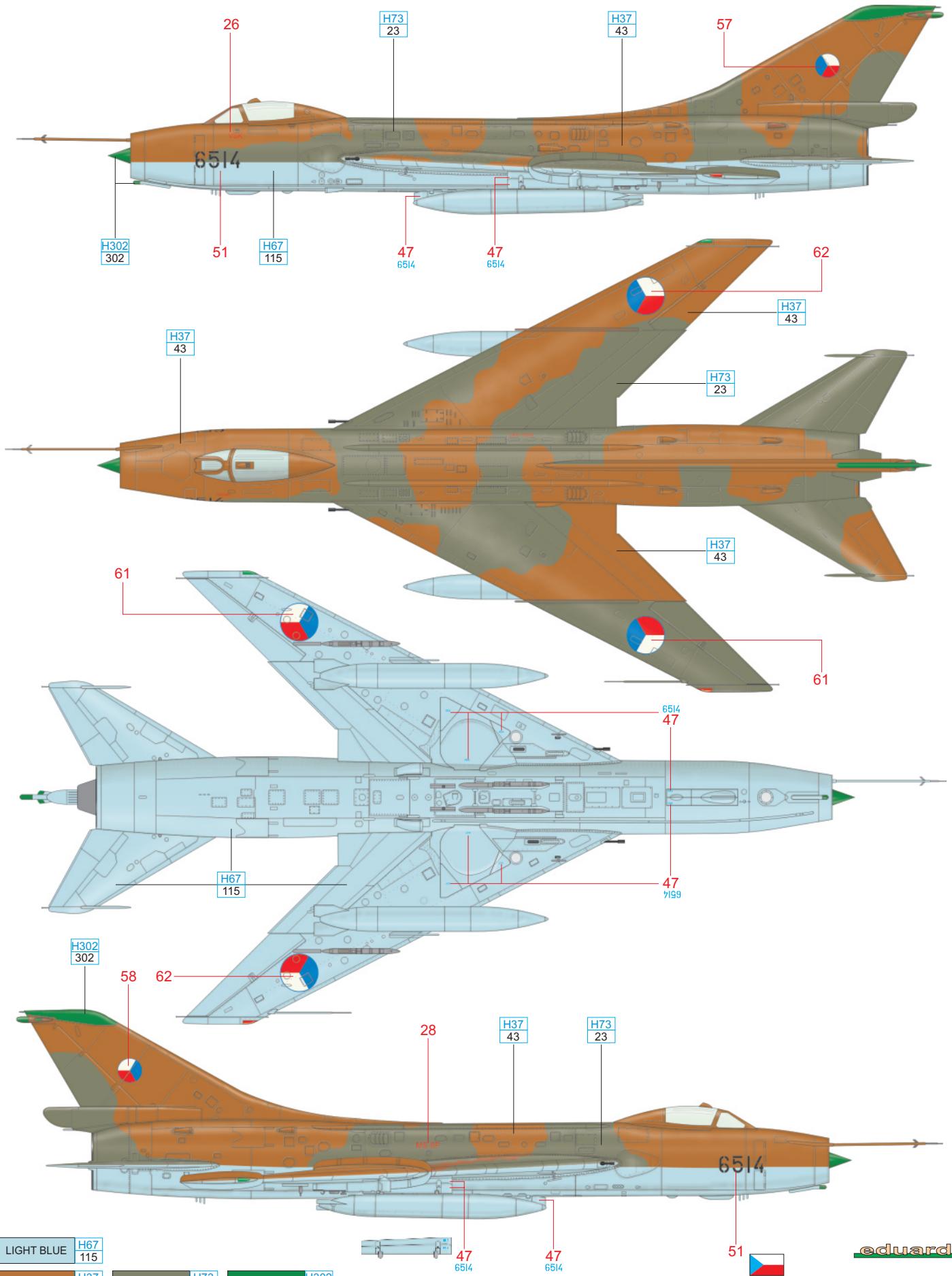


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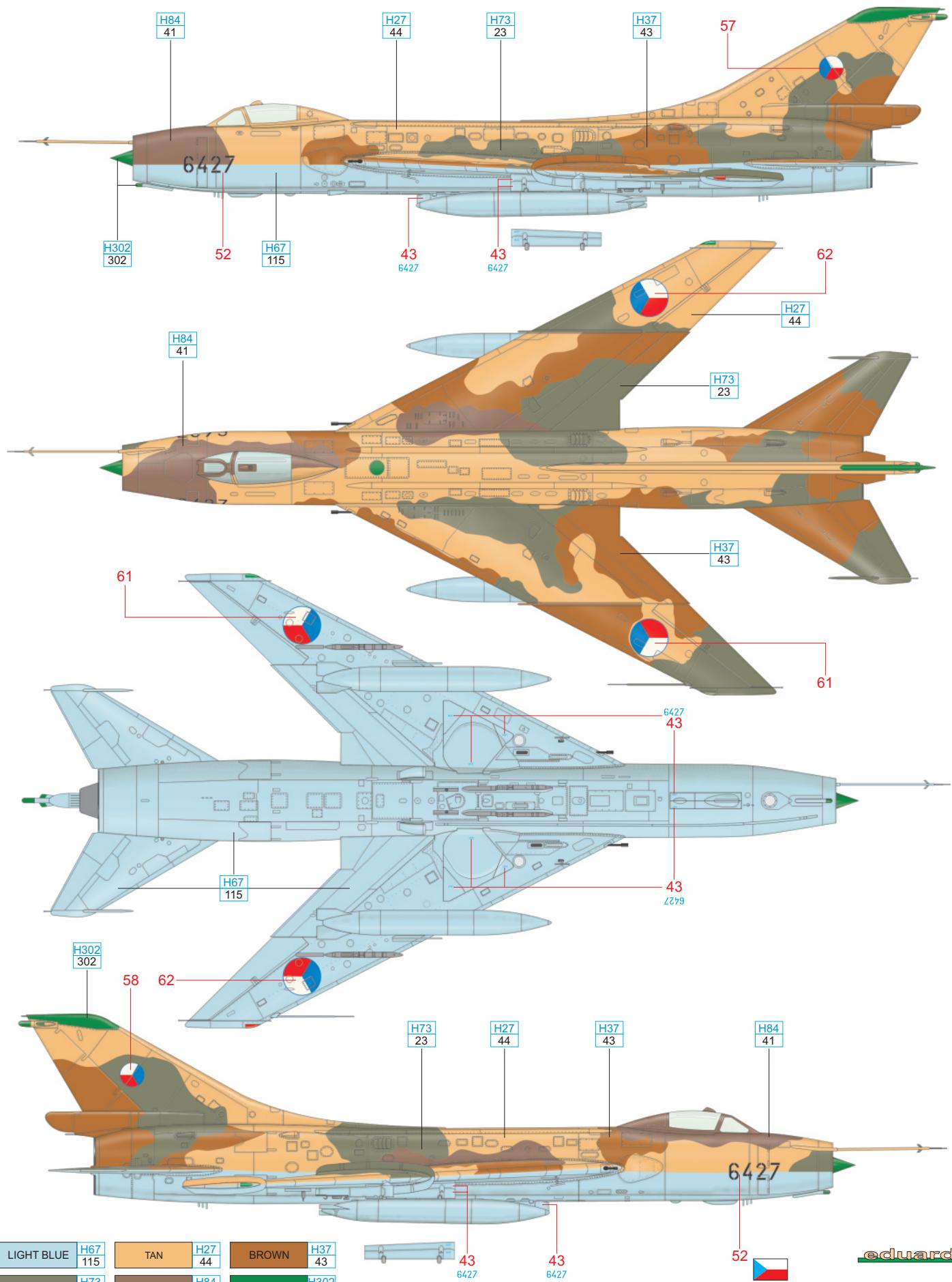
A Su-7BKL, Czechoslovak people's army, 20th Fighter-bomber Air Regiment, Náměšť nad Oslavou, 1967 -1989

This mount was delivered to former Czechoslovakia in 1967 and was subsequently sent to 20th sbopl (Fighter-bomber Air Regiment). The unit was based at the airbase at Náměšť nad Oslavou. The aircraft was taken off charge in 1989, when the 20th sbopl was re-equipped with the Sukhoi Su-22 fighter-bomber. Su-7 BKLs were delivered in natural metal finish from the Soviet Union, and the camouflage colours were applied during their service with the Czechoslovak army forces.



B Su-7BKL, Czechoslovak people's army, 20th Fighter-bomber Air Regiment, Náměšť nad Oslavou, 1984 -1989

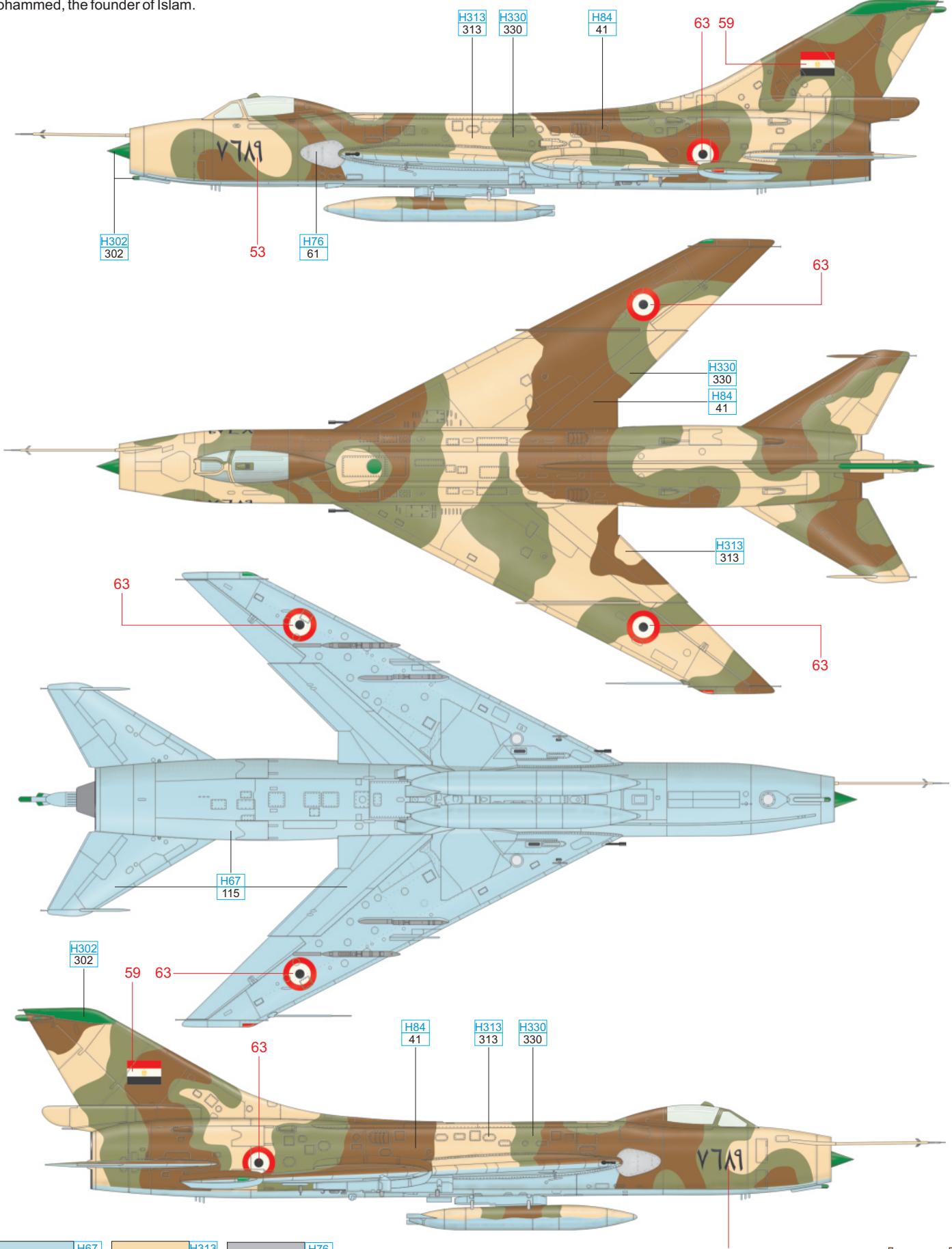
As with the previous machine, this Su-7 BKL was delivered to the Czechoslovak People's Army in 1967. Over the following years, she was flown by the pilots of 28th sbopl (Fighter-bomber Air Regiment) from Čáslav Air Base. In 1984 she was assigned to the 20th sbopl, and flown by this unit for some five years until taken off charge in 1989. '6427' escaped being scrapped and found her way to the aviation museum in Vyškov, Czech Republic.



C Su-7BMK, Egyptian Air Force

Aircraft No. 7689 was used by the Egyptian Air Force. She was one of the aircraft delivered under the terms of support from the Soviet Union. The first Su-7s appeared in Egypt in 1967. On June 5, 1967, on the very first day of the so-called Six Days War, seventeen Su-7s were destroyed on the ground by Israeli aerial strikes on Fayid Air Base. Egyptian Su-7s fought Israeli Army Forces in 1973, during the Yom Kippur War. These aircraft were withdrawn from service in the mid '80s.

The small badge in the national marking on the tail is the badge of Quraysh. The Quraysh were the dominant tribe of Mecca that gave birth to the prophet Mohammed, the founder of Islam.



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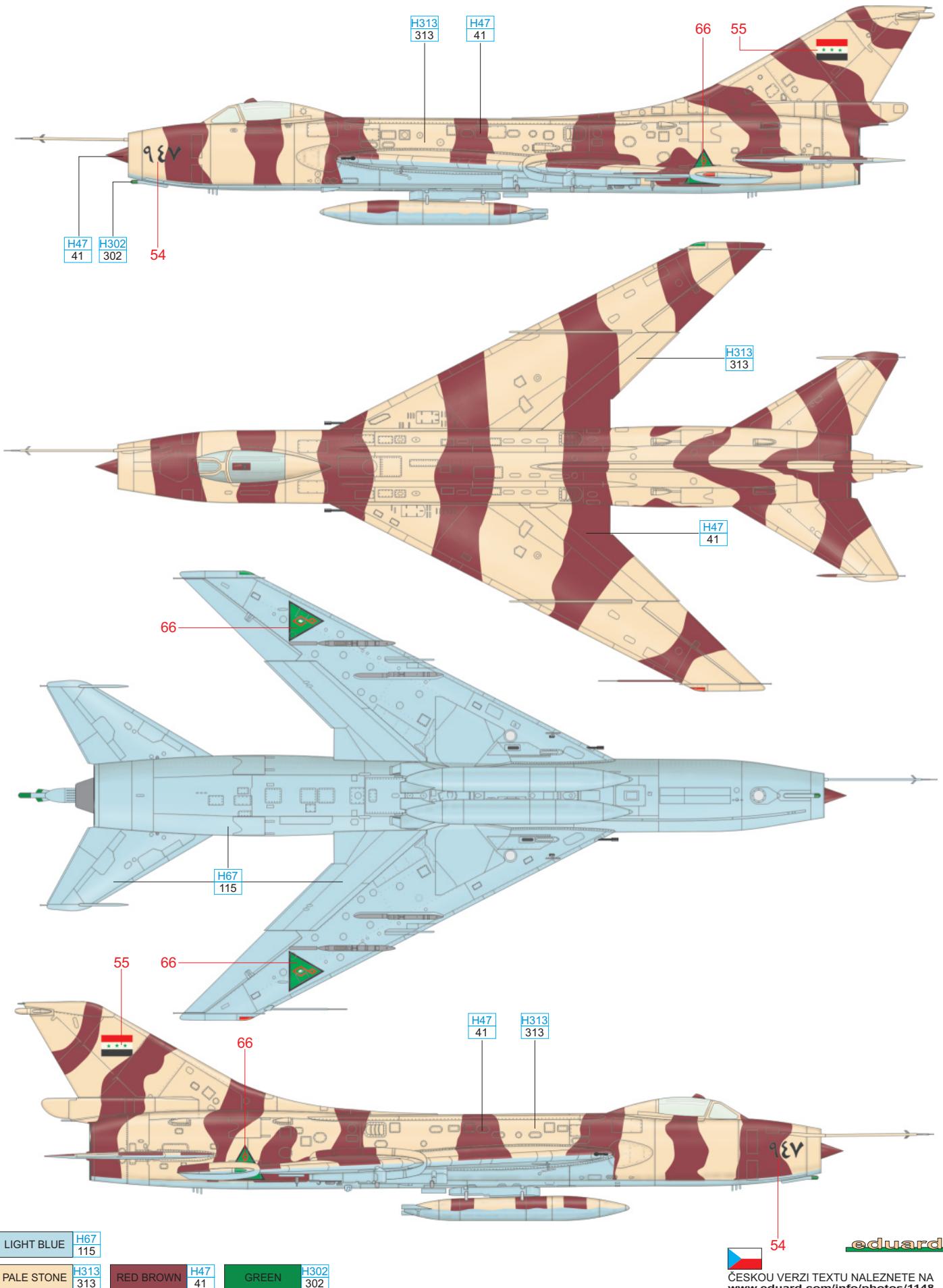
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D Su-7BMK, Iraqi Air Force

The Su-7 BMK coded '947' was installed as a memorial after being withdrawn from service. She wore this camouflage scheme while being photographed by members of US forces during Operation Desert Storm. Su-7s were a part of the huge military supplies that were based on the Friendship and Cooperation Agreement between Iraq and the Soviet Union. In the beginning, the Su-7s were based in Syria and participated in clashes with Israel.

The Iraqi Air Force operated dozens of Su-7s of various versions. They were deployed in the war with Iran between September, 1980 and August, 1988.

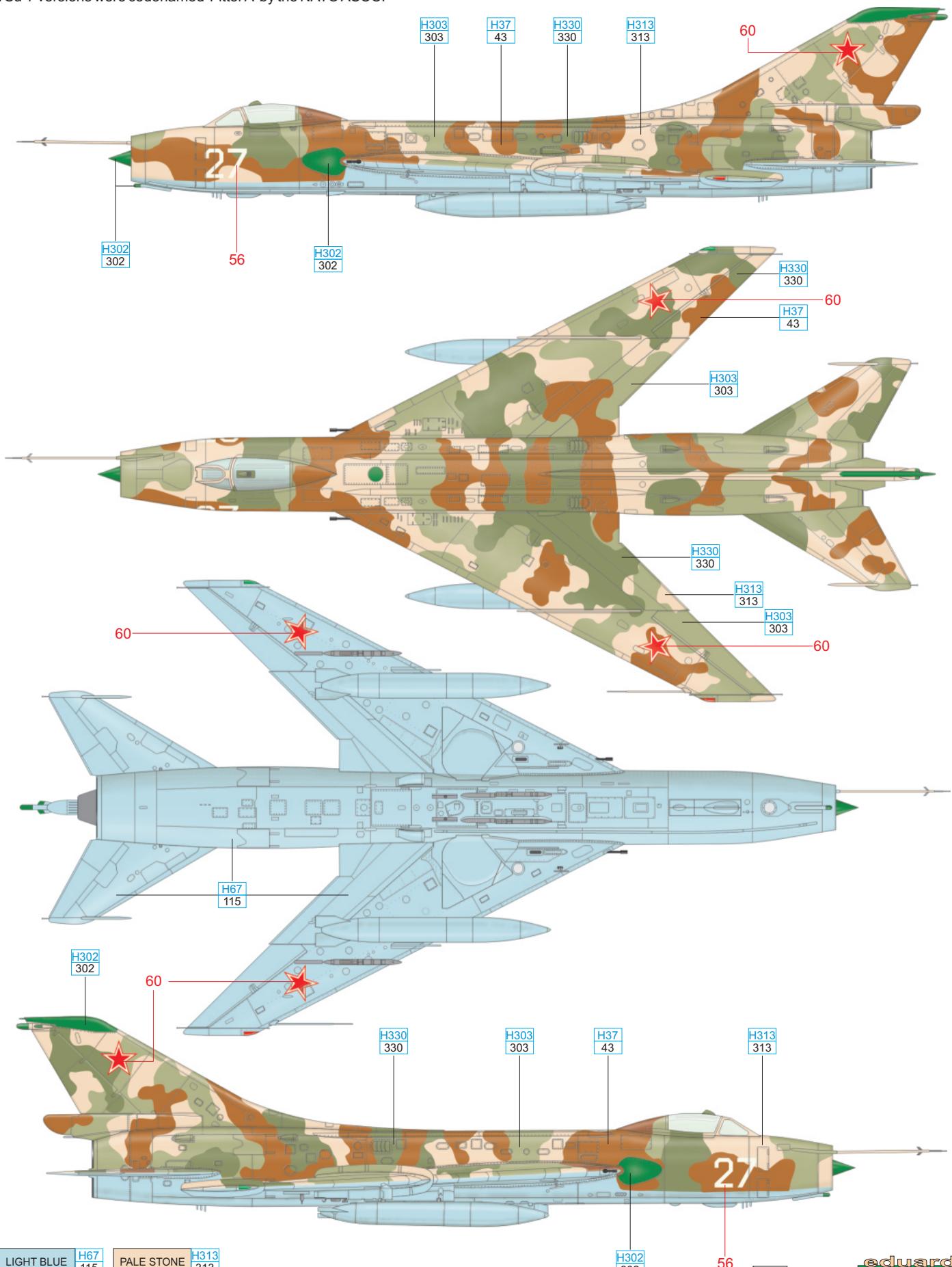


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E Su-7BKL, Soviet Air Force

The Soviet Union sold Su-7s to many countries - Syria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Iraq, Afghanistan, India, Poland, etc. but the aircraft was used by the Soviet air forces as well. From 1970 onwards Su-7s were replaced by newer Su-17s and MiG-27s. Usually, the Su-7s were flown in natural metal finish and camouflaged aircraft were not frequently seen. The BKL version was optimized for operations from rough fields and was equipped with twin parachute brakes and modified undercarriage. The letters KL are the abbreviation of the Russian words 'koleso-lyzhnyi' which translates to 'with wheels & skis' in English. All Su-7 versions were codenamed 'Fitter A' by the NATO ASCC.



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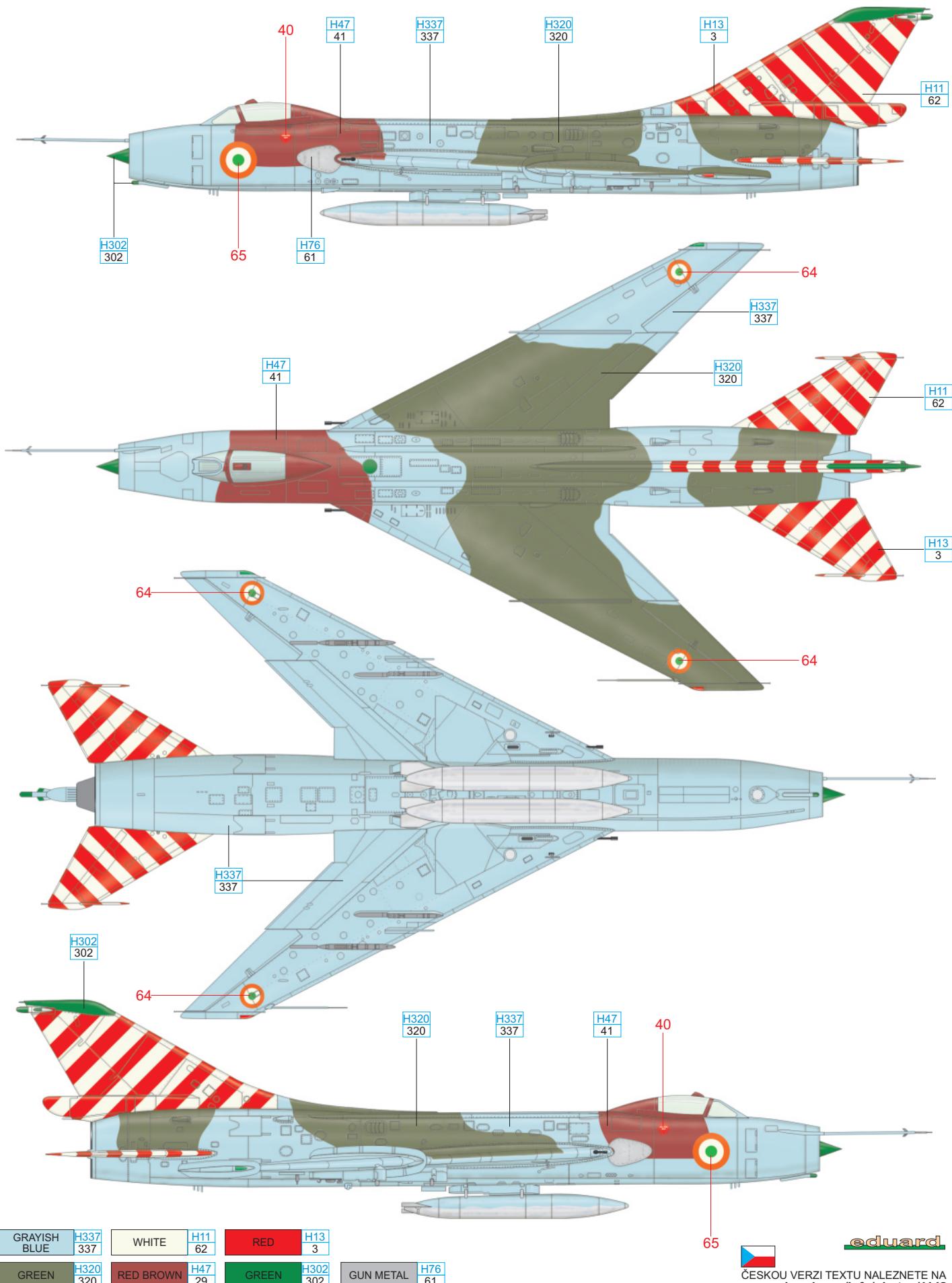
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F Su-7BMK, Indian Air Force, No.32 squadron, India, 1982

The Soviet Union delivered some 140 Su-7s to India. The Indian government intended to use them as nuclear bombers. The most intensive combat deployment of Indian Su-7s was seen in 1971, during war with Pakistan. Fortunately, it was in the role of a conventional frontline bomber. From this war on, the Su-7s were camouflaged as you can see in this colour profile. No.32 Squadron was the last Indian Air Force unit to fly the Su-7.



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