







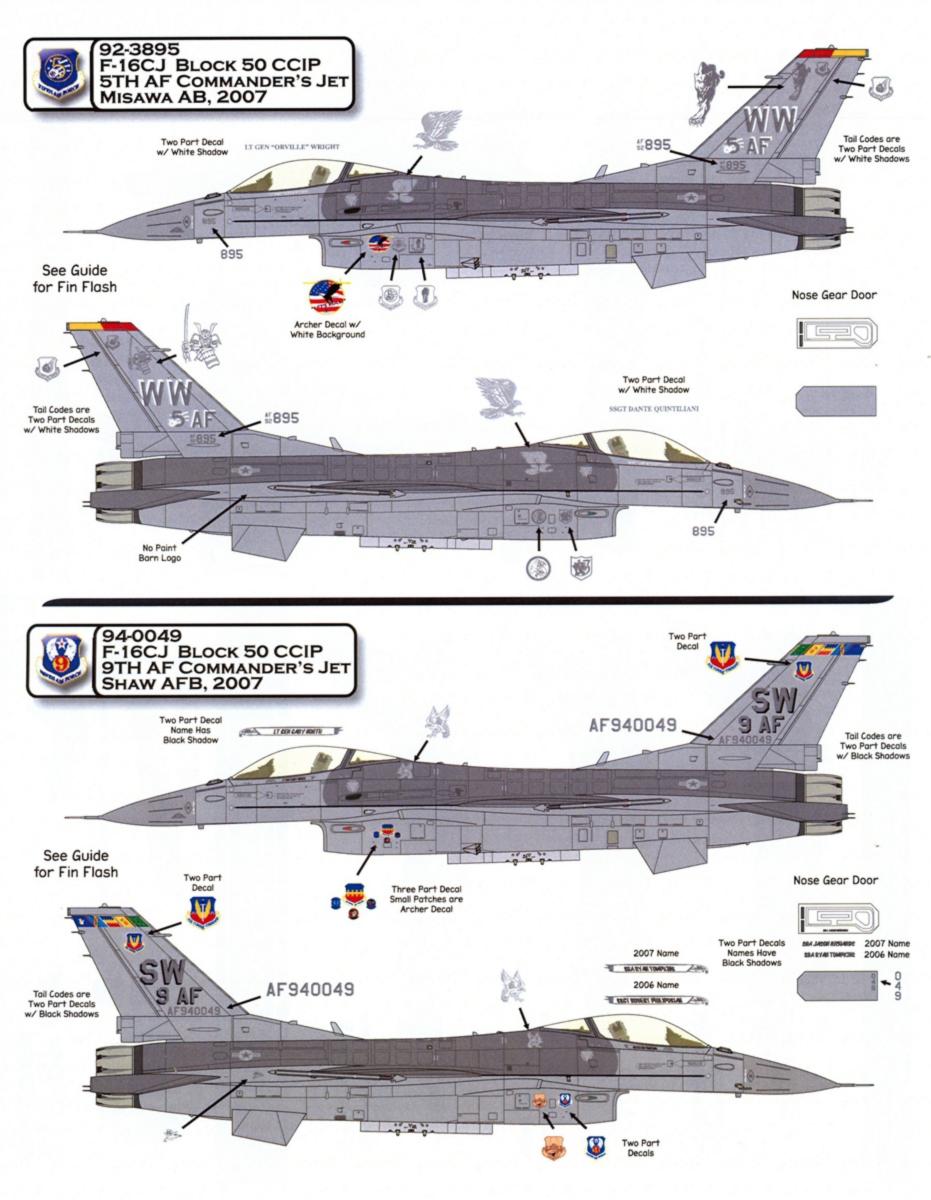


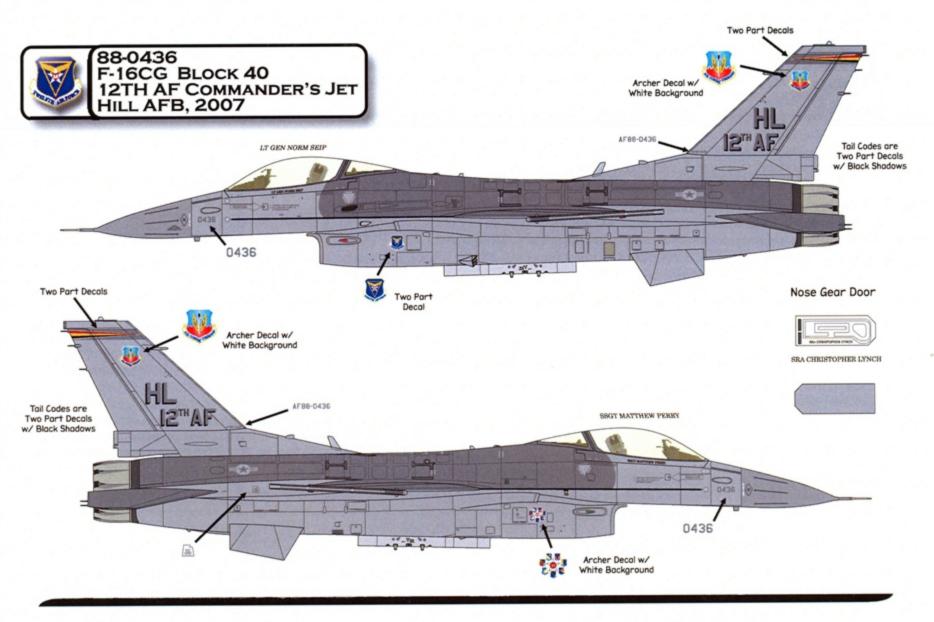
# **NUMBERED AIR FORCES PT.1**





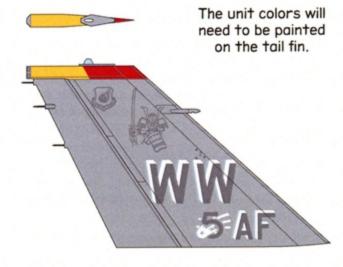
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#### FINFLASH PAINT GUIDE

## MARKINGS NOTES







The Fin Flash is a 3 piece decal. Place the white/red/yellow/green decal on first. Place the blue/black decal on second. Lastly place the small black "Flying Tiger" outline.



Alternately, we have provided an Archer printed "Flying Tiger". Instead of using the small black "Flying Tiger"outline, use the white decal slug followed by the Archer printed decal.

### <u>Decal Notes</u>

Some of the decals have been printed by Archer Fine
Transfers. The decals are printed on one continuous piece of
clear decal film, and you will need to cut out each marking.
All of the Archer printed decals have a silk screen printed white
background decal. Place this white decal on the model first
and allow to dry before applying the Archer printed decal. For
more information visit their website at:



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## PAINT GUIDE

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Overall Aircraft	FS 36270
Topsides	FS 36118
Wingtip Missile Rails	FS 36270
Underwing Missile Rails, Pylons, Drop Tanks	FS 36375 or FS 36270



### **MODELING NOTES**

#### Numbered Air Forces

The Numbered Air Force (NAF) is defined as a level of command directly under a Major Command (MAJCOM). NAFs are tactical echelons that provide operational leadership and supervision. Many NAFs are responsible for MAJCOM operations in a specific geographic region or theater of operations.

There are currently 17 NAFs.

#### FIFTH AIR FORCE

The Fifth Air Force (5AF) is located at Yokota Air Base, Japan. It's mission is to enhance the U.S. deterrent posture and, if necessary, provide tactical fighter and military airlift support for offensive air operations.

Flying Units that fall under 5AF:

18th Wing - Kadena AB, Japan 35th Fighter Wing - Misawa AB, Japan 374th Airlift Wing - Yokota AB, Japan

5th AF Commander since January 2005, Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright commanded the 614th TFS during Operation Desert Storm, and has commanded the 35th FW and was ACC Vice Commander.

#### NINTH AIR FORCE / USCENTAF

The Ninth Air Force (9AF) is located at Shaw AFB, SC. The 9AF serves as the headquarters for U.S. Central Command Air Forces (USCENTAF), conducting air operations throughout Southwest Asia. The 9AF controls ACC fighter forces based on the East Coast of the United States, and serves as the air component for a 27-nation area within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. Flying Units that fall under 9AF:

1st Fighter Wing - Langley AFB, VA
4th Fighter Wing - Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
20th Fighter Wing - Shaw AFB, SC
33rd Fighter Wing - Eglin AFB, FL
347th Rescue Wing - Moody AFB, GA

9th AF Commander since February 2006, Lt. Gen. Gary North has commander the 33rd TFS, where he engaged and shot down an Iraqi MiG-25 on December 27, 1992 during Operation Southern Watch. He has commanded both the 8th FW and 18th Wing.

#### TWELFTH AIR FORCE / AFSOUTHAF

The Twelfth Air Force (12AF) is located at Davis Monthan AFB, AZ. The 12AF serves as the headquarters for U.S. Southern Command Air Forces (AFSOUTHAF), conducting air and space operations throughout Central and South America, the Caribbean, Cuba and the Bahamas. The 12AF controls ACC forces in the Western United States, and serves as the air component for the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility.

Flying Units that fall under 12AF:

7th Bomb Wing - Dyess AFB, TX
27th Fighter Wing - Cannon AFB, NM
28th Bomb Wing - Ellsworth AFB, SD
49th Fighter Wing - Holloman AFB, NM
355th Wing - Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
366th Fighter Wing - Mountain Home AFB, ID
388th Fighter Wing - Hill AFB, UT

12th AF Commander since July 2006, Lt. Gen. Norm Seip has flown the F-14 as an exchange officer, and the F-15. He has commanded the 334th FS and 4th FW.

#### F-16 Block Notes

F-16s are denoted by block numbers to denote significant upgrades. The blocks cover both single- and two-seat versions.

<u>Block 40</u> Entering service in 1988, the Block 40 introduced the LANTIRN navigation and targeting pods and the associated holographic HUD enhancing the F-16's night/all-weather capabilities.

<u>Block 50</u> Entering service in 1991, the Block 50 further enhanced the F-16's capabilities by the addition of the HARM Targeting System. This capability adds the Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) mission to the already extensive list that the F-16 is capable to perform.

<u>CCIP</u> Started in 2001, The Common Configuration Implementation Program (CCIP) will establish hardware and software commonality to the USAF Block 40 & 50 fleet for simplified training and maintenance.

#### **Modeling Notes**

These decals were sized for the new Tamiya F-16 kits. They can be used with the Hasegawa kit with the following notes of caution. The In-Flight Refueling (IFR) Door is undersized on the Hasegawa kit and these stencils will be too large. The Vertical Stabilizer of the Hasegawa kit is smaller and less swept than the correctly shaped Tamiya kit, hence the finflash will be long.

At the time of printing, Tamiya have only released the F-16CJ Block 50, but it's only a mater of time before other variants are released.

The Block 50 kit builds into an excellent HARM shooter out of the box. With low SEAD requirments in the current operations (OIF & OEF), CCIP upgraded jets are more commonly seen using JDAMs and LGBs, and replacing the HTS pod with targeting pods.

To turn the Block 50 into a Block 40 for use with the markings in this decal sheet, two main items are needed: the WAR HUD and the fuselage strengthening plates. The kit comes with the intake targeting pod pylon, but a LANTIRN, LITENING, or SNIPER XR targeting pod will need to be acquired from some other source.

Here are a list of some recommended upgrade sets;

<u>BlackBox/Avionix</u> 48018 F-16 Cockpit set. www.vmdstudios.com Resin cockpit set made for the Tamiya kit, also contains the WAR HUD for the Block 40.

Eduard set #49204 has the fuselage stiffener plates.

<u>Orion Models</u> Dave Roof at orionmodels@aol.com makes a set of vinyl adhesive strengthening plates, updated for the Tamiya kit.

<u>Fine Molds</u> From Japan, they make a set of turned brass pitot and AOA probes, easily found at HobbyLink Japan (www.hlj.com)

www.shull24.com Shawn makes resin sets for modern jets! Most sets are for the F-16 Including JDAMs, WCMDs, Sniper XR targeting pods.

