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Airacobra #2

Notes on Aircraft

Cutting & Edge MODELWORKS

All aircraft

These P-39s carried the standard camouflage scheme of dark Olive Drab 41 over Neutral Gray 43.

White 16

- One published source indicates the spinner was yellow, but in the reference photos in our posession the spinner seems to match the white tail and wing edges better.
- Existing photos do not show the port side of the aircraft so we don't know whether the artwork appeared there or not.
 Duplicate art is provided.

'White Eagle'

 While no photos of the starboard side of this aircraft could be found, other P-39s with a similar eagle marking did carry it on both sides. We've included art for both options.

Yellow 93

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Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process; however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out without trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

FS 595 Color Cross Reference

41 Dark Olive Drab (FS 34087 and FS 34088 [same color, different number!] Xtracolor X111 & X112, Floquil 303170,

ProModeler 88-0028, Poly Scale 505224 & 505080, Gunze Sangyo H304, Modelmaster 1711

43 Neutral Gray (FS 36173) Floquil 303178, ProModeler 88-0035, Poly Scale 505086, Xtracolor X158, Gunze Sangyo

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