

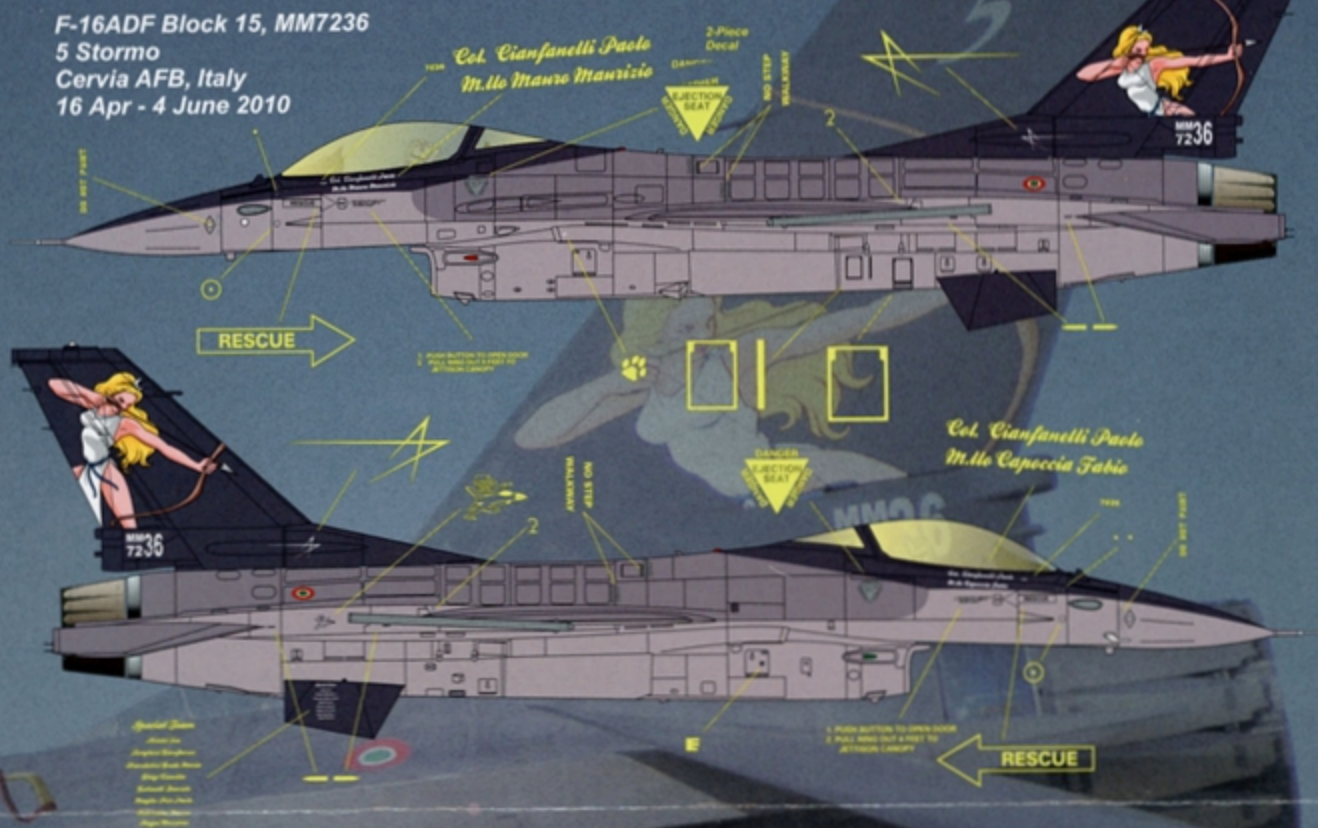
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# F-16ADF L'ultima Diana

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F-16ADF Block 15, MM7236  
 5 Stormo  
 Cervia AFB, Italy  
 16 Apr - 4 June 2010



Pierpaolo Maglio is a frequent contributor to Twobobs. A fantastic modeler, photographer and artist, he has taken his talents and this special scheme is his creation. Paolo's comments are below:

Diana tail art has been the brainchild of Pierpaolo Maglio. He started thinking about her in June 2009 and the drawings were made from January to February 2010. Reason was to celebrate 5<sup>th</sup> Wing that was due to be disbanded in October 2010.

Diana M.M. 7236 was polished and painted by a team made of 3 crew Chiefs (names under the cockpit and front gear door) and eight civilians (names on right stabilizer).

Work started early morning on April 10th 2010 since the "go on" only arrived the evening before.

Roll out was on April 15th around 18.30 p.m. but the 5<sup>th</sup> was still missing and added after the sunset.

Official presentation and first flight was on April 16th, next day she could not fly due to Icelander volcano ashes.

At the end of April she flew to Decimomannu AB in Sardinia for STAREX exercise playing dissimilar combat manoeuvres.

Then back to Cervia assigned to standard training and QRA but also air refuelling training from French KC-135.

On June 4th she was the last F-16 to leave Cervia AB at the controls of Mj. Luca Crovatti. For this flight she had 3 fuel tanks and 2 travel pods to carry all F-16 manuals and pilots belongings to her new home.

After a few low and formation passes, she left for Trapani being assigned to 18<sup>th</sup> Gruppo / 37<sup>th</sup> Stormo down in Sicily island.

Again she was used as QRA and training machine by her new unit till August 31st 2010 when she was hastily painted over in light gray to remove tail art, names and part of the nose arrow.

Now a few useful notes on the weapons and loads carried by this peculiar ADF during her 4 and a half months of life as "Diana":

Roll out and April Air Show/ presentation: 2 x 370 fuel tanks, all other stations void.

DAC in Decimomannu (Sardinia Island): 1 x 300 fuel tank, 1 x ACMi pod on right tip, 1 x dummy AIM-9L (gray painted) on station 4.

Transfer flight to Decimomannu: as above but also with 2 x 370 fuel tanks.

Transfer flight to Trapani (Sicily Island): 2 x 370 fuel tanks, 1 x 300 fuel tank, 2 baggage pods on stations 5 and 6 (pylons used on this flight only).

QRA/Scrambles: 2 x 370 fuel tanks, 1 x live AIM-9L on station 4, 1 x live AIM-120C-5 on station 1.

Stations 1 and 2 always had the AIM-120 launchers installed.

Hope these notes will help you guys in modelling this fabulous lady.



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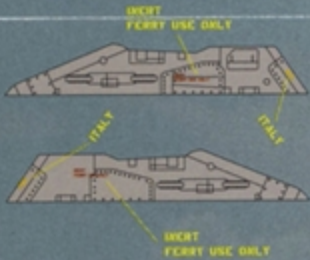
Travel Pod

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Inside Nose Gear Door

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