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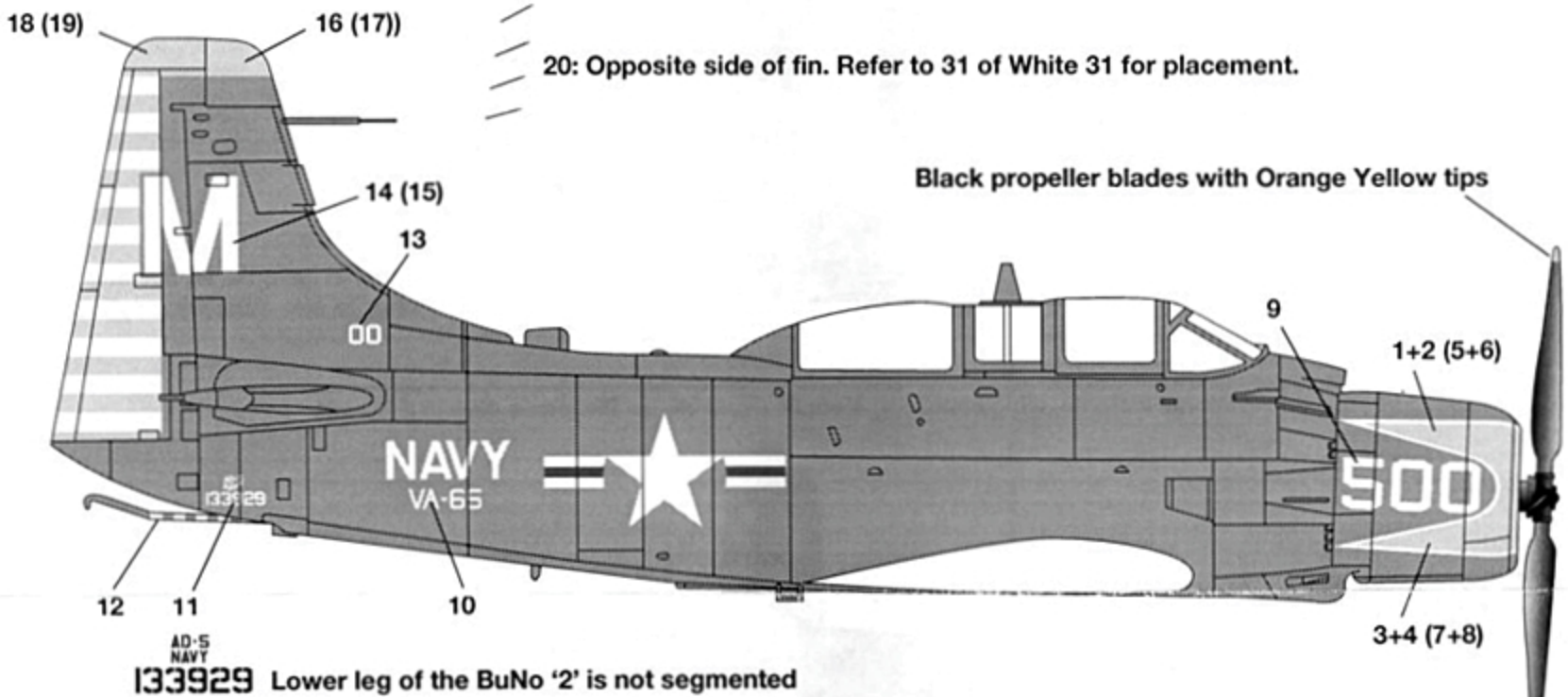
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Douglas AD-5 Skyraider

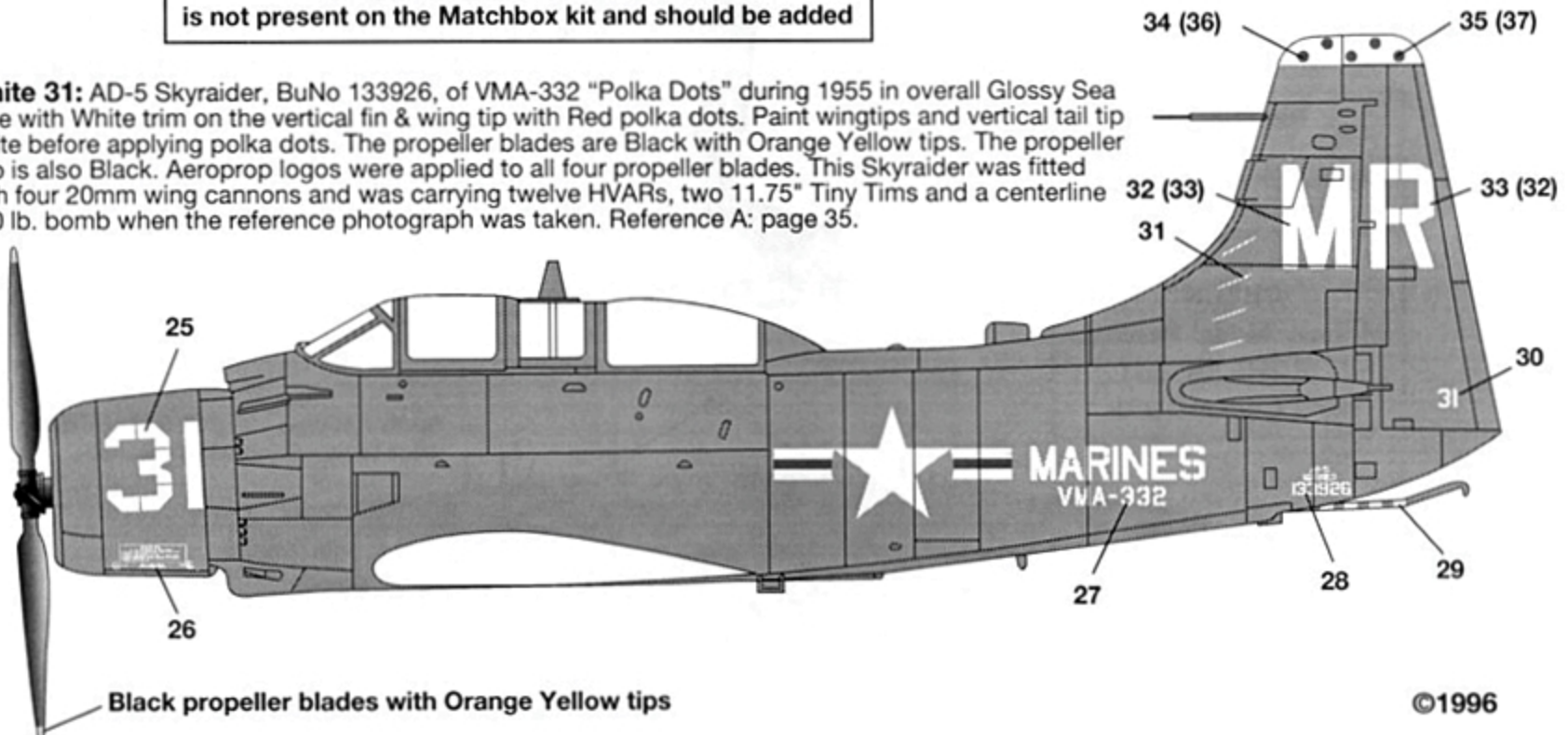
**White 500:** AD-5 Skyraider, BuNo 133939, of VA-65 during September of 1956. This Skyraider is overall Glossy Sea Blue with Green and White trim on engine cowling, vertical fin & rudder. The propeller blades and hub are black and the propeller blade tips are Orange Yellow. Aircraft does not appear to be fitted with wing cannons. Aeroprop logos were not always applied to every propeller blade, and it is not known how many, if any at all, were on this aircraft. Propeller data stencils were usually applied to each propeller blade. Reference A: page 36.

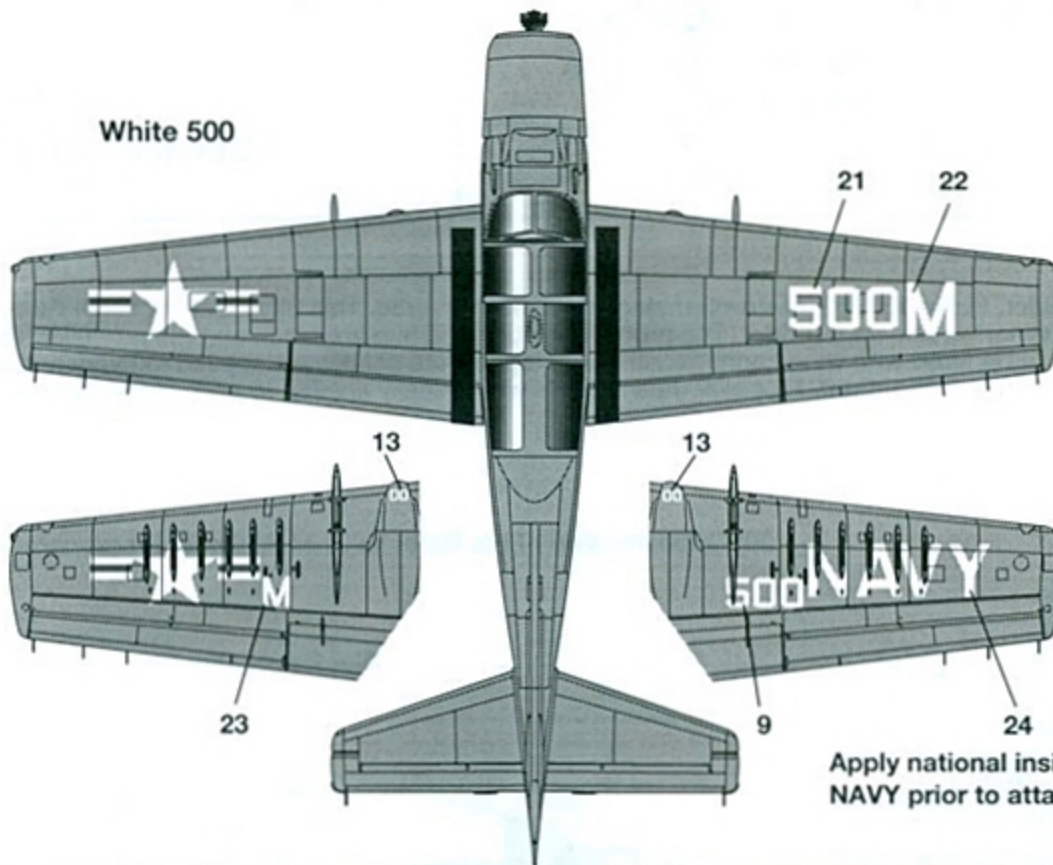


National insignia, wingwalks and stenciling for AD-5/A-1E Skyraiders available on TGDecals 48-020 & 48-021

Vertical fin leading edge air intake is not present on the Matchbox kit and should be added

**White 31:** AD-5 Skyraider, BuNo 133926, of VMA-332 "Polka Dots" during 1955 in overall Glossy Sea Blue with White trim on the vertical fin & wing tip with Red polka dots. Paint wingtips and vertical tail tip white before applying polka dots. The propeller blades are Black with Orange Yellow tips. The propeller hub is also Black. Aeroprop logos were applied to all four propeller blades. This Skyraider was fitted with four 20mm wing cannons and was carrying twelve HVARs, two 11.75" Tiny Tims and a centerline 500 lb. bomb when the reference photograph was taken. Reference A: page 35.

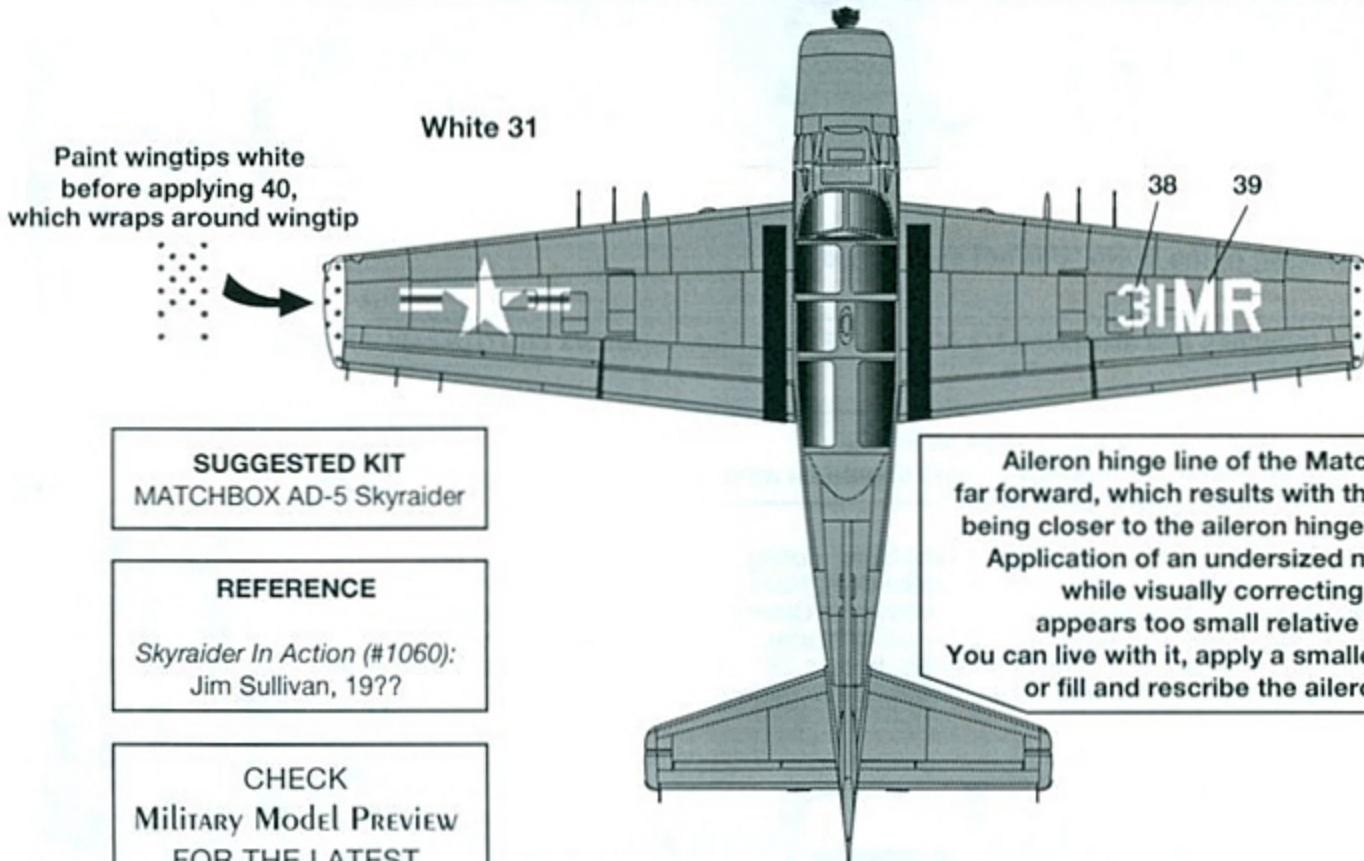




White 500

Apply national insignia, M, 500 and NAVY prior to attaching wing pylons.

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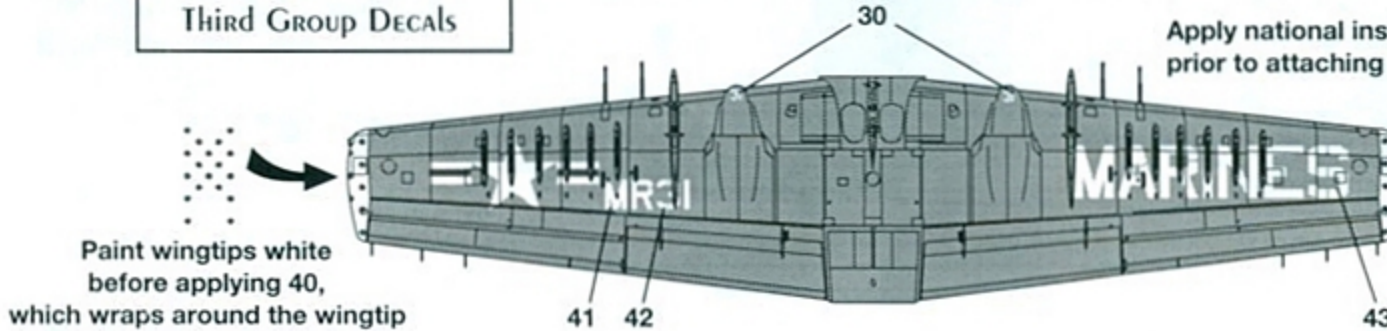
Paint wingtips white before applying 40, which wraps around wingtip

**SUGGESTED KIT**  
MATCHBOX AD-5 Skyraider

**REFERENCE**  
*Skyraider In Action* (#1060):  
Jim Sullivan, 1977

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Aileron hinge line of the Matchbox kit is too far forward, which results with the national insignia being closer to the aileron hinge than it should be. Application of an undersized national insignia, while visually correcting the error, appears too small relative to the wing. You can live with it, apply a smaller national insignia, or fill and rescribe the aileron hinge line.



Apply national insignia & MARINES prior to attaching wing pylons.

Paint wingtips white before applying 40, which wraps around the wingtip