



US NAVY BLUE ANGELS BEETLE BOMB FINAL LEGACY HORNET SEASON 2020



WITH THE BLUE ANGELS STARTING THEIR FINAL AND 34TH SEASON IN THE LEGACY F/A-18, WE THOUGHT WE'D CELEBRATE WITH A THROWBACK TO THE BLUE'S EARLY DAYS. THE BEETLE BOMB WAS A SOLO PART OF THE ACT, AND FEATURED A REVERSE BLUE ANGELS SCHEME. SO, WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT THE 2020 F/A-18B/D BEETLE BOMB!

THIS IS A PROPOSAL THAT WAS SENT TO THE BLUE ANGELS. AT THE TIME OF PRINTING, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT IT WOULD ACTUALLY HAPPEN...



BECAUSE THIS SHEET IS A 'WHAT IF', A FEW PERSONAL LIBERTIES WERE TAKEN, INCLUDING CANOPY NAMES (YOU MAY RECOGNIZE A FEW OF THEM), BUNO'S (THEY ARE ALL VERIFIED BLUE ANGEL JETS FROM DIFFERENT TIMES),

CASPER WAS TA-4J 153477 THAT THE TEAM HAD FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME IN 1981. IT NEVER RECEIVED THE BLUE PAINT JOB THE BEETLE BOMB DECALS WILL ALSO WORK FOR THIS OPTION!

BLUE ANGEL SPECIFIC AIRFRAME NOTES:

FORMATION LIGHTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED/COVERED
THE GUN HAS BEEN REMOVED FOR THE SMOKE SYSTEM
THE GUN MUZZLE WAS REPLACED WITH A SOLID FARING.
REFER TO REFERENCES AS TO WHAT ANTENNAS AND BUMPS ARE CORRECT FOR B AND D MODELS.
COCKPIT HAD SEVERAL MODS, WE INCLUDED THE STOPWATCH THAT GOES CENTER ABOVE THE UPFRONT CONTROL PANEL.

OFFICIALLY, BLUE ANGELS BLUE IS LISTED AS 15050. HOWEVER, IT IS A COMMERCIAL PAINT AND NOT IN THE FS CATALOGUE. I PERSONALLY AM NOT A FAN OF 15050 BLUE AND IT LOOKS TOO DARK. 15052 IS MUCH CLOSER. I DON'T HAVE A 100% MATCH TO THE DECALS, AS THEY WERE PRINTED WITH PANTONE 287.

I WOULD RECOMMEND MIXING IN A BLUE COLOR TO 15050. TAMIYA X4, MRCOLOR C5 ARE GOOD STARTING POINTS. MRCOLOR 322 PHYTHALOCYANE BLUE IS A VERY CLOSE MATCH OUT OF THE BOTTLE.

ANOTHER CONSIDERATION IS IF YOU ARE PAINTING THE BLUE OVER THE YELLOW, OR LAYING DOWN A COAT OF WHITE FIRST. IF PAINTING DIRECTLY OVER THE YELLOW, BLUE DARKENS UP.



13655
BA YELLOW



15052
BA BLUE



HGU-33P
WITH GOLD VISOR

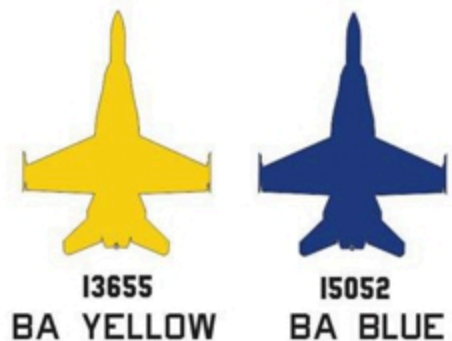
F/A-18B 161711 (FORMER VFC-13. SEE FIGHTERTOWN 48051)

161723
162885

F/A-18D 163464
163468



SIZED TO THE KINETIC KIT. WILL ALSO FIT THE HASEGAWA KIT WITH NO MODIFICATIONS. OTHER KITS SHOULD WORK JUST FINE AS WELL



CUT AT MARKS FOR
OPEN GEAR DOORS

PLENTY OF EXTRA BOXES OF BLUE
COLOR ARE SUPPLIED ON THE SHEET.

TRADITIONALLY, THE 2-SEATER BLUE JETS
ARE NUMBER 7. IN REAL LIFE, THE
BEETLE BOMB WAS 0. BUT THIS WAS
BEFORE 7 WAS PART OF THE TEAM.

WE HAVE INCLUDED BOTH 0 AND 7 AS
OPTIONS THAT MAY SEE A REAL JET.

BUNO'S FOR BOTH B AND D MODELS ARE
PROVIDED, AS WELL AS LAST SEASON'S 7
NAMES. ADDITIONAL NAMES ARE PERSONAL
FRIENDS AS THIS WAS MADE FOR A WHIF BUILD.