

MARINE SKYHAWKS in VIET NAM

A-4E CAS and TA-4F FAC



VMA-121 Green Knights



Green Knight 10 A-4E BuNo.150092 Chu Lai, RVN 1968



VMA-311 Tomcats



Tomcat 15 A-4E BuNo.151046 Chu Lai, RVN 1968



VMA-211 Wake Island Avengers



Avenger 00 A-4E BuNo.151052 Chu Lai, RVN 1969



VMA-223 Bulldogs



Bulldog 1 A-4E BuNo.151186 Chu Lai, RVN 1969



H&MS-11 Playboys

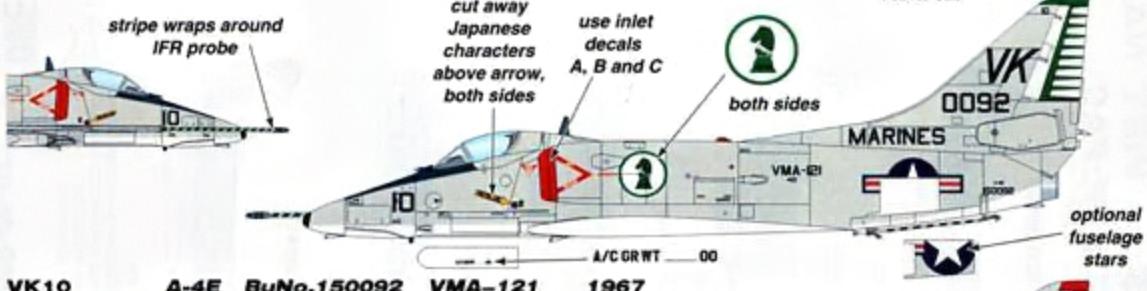


Playboy 2 TA-4F BuNo.154309 Da Nang, RVN 1971

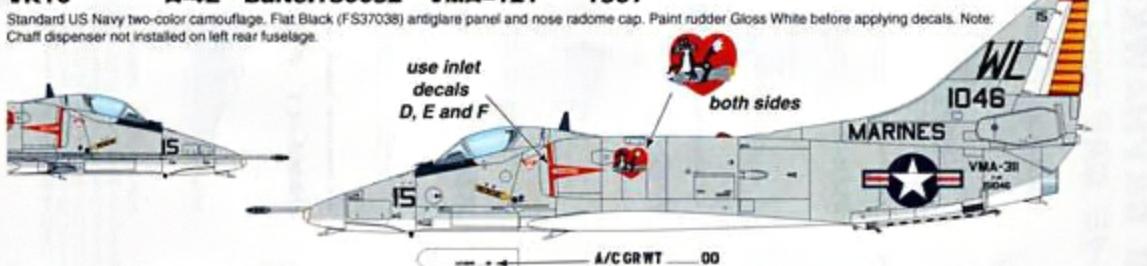
This decal contains markings for five different McDonnell-Douglas A-4 Skyhawks flown by USMC squadrons in Viet Nam. Four of the squadrons represented flew single seat variants of the Scooter most often in the traditional Corps mission of providing close air support to troops on the ground. In addition they also employed the TA-4F as an armed forward air controller and a set of markings has been provided for a two-seater of H&MS-11. Enough insignia is included for two aircraft.

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**VK10 A-4E BuNo.150092 VMA-121 1967**

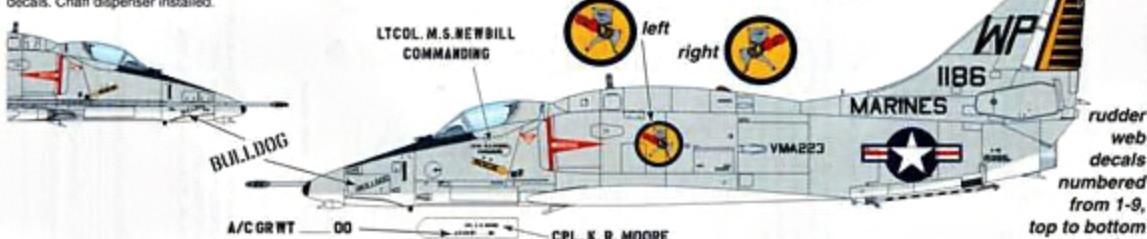
Standard US Navy two-color camouflage. Flat Black (FS37038) antiglare panel and nose radome cap. Paint rudder Gloss White before applying decals. Note: Chaff dispenser not installed on left rear fuselage.

**WL15 A-4E BuNo.151046 VMA-311 1968**

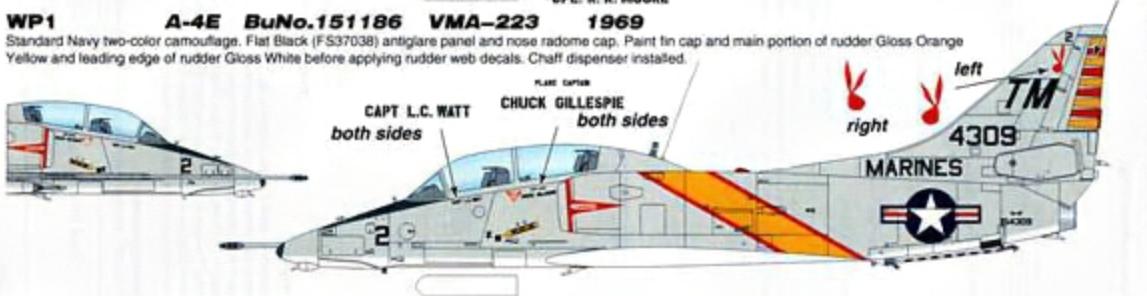
Standard Navy camouflage. Note antiglare panel does not extend onto nose radome and Tan (approx FS17855) radome cap. Paint forward part of rudder Gloss White and aft part of rudder Gloss Orange Yellow (FS13538) before applying rudder decals. Chaff dispenser installed. Note: Use care not to remove carrier film when cutting out rudder decals.

**CF00 A-4E BuNo.151052 VMA-211 1969**

Standard Navy two-color camouflage. Flat Black (FS37038) antiglare panel and nose radome cap. Paint rudder Gloss White before applying rudder web decals. Chaff dispenser installed.

**WP1 A-4E BuNo.151186 VMA-223 1969**

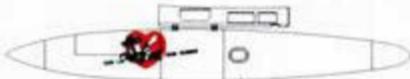
Standard Navy two-color camouflage. Flat Black (FS37038) antiglare panel and nose radome cap. Paint tin cap and main portion of rudder Gloss Orange Yellow and leading edge of rudder Gloss White before applying rudder web decals. Chaff dispenser installed.

**TM2 TA-4F BuNo.153409 H&MS-11 1971**

Standard Navy two-color camouflage but rudder painted Non Specular Light Gulf Gray. Flat Black (FS37038) antiglare panel and nose radome cap. Chaff dispenser installed. Note whip antenna behind canopy.

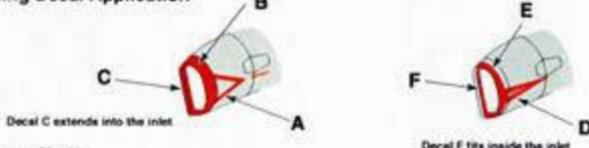
For the Hasegawa 1:48 Scale A-4E/F Skyhawk Kit

Chu Lai Rum Runner Pod



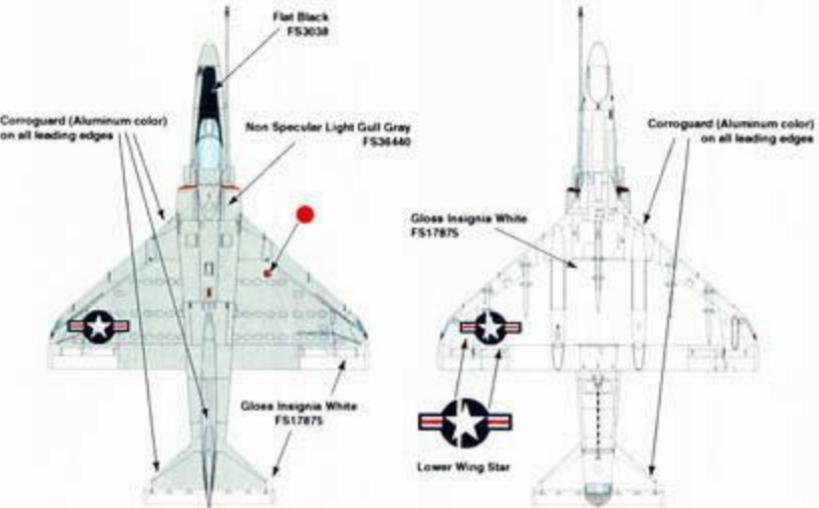
This was a standard fuel tank converted for use as a travel pod or container for various squadron items when deploying to other bases. No doubt it was also used for booze runs to the big PX in Saigon. The pod was made by VMA-311 personnel but was apparently used by all the units based at Chu Lai as photos also show it on VMA-121 and VMA-223 Scooters.

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Paint Scheme Notes

The standard US Navy camouflage scheme used for its tactical aircraft from the mid-1950s through the late 1970s used Non-Specular (matt) Light Gulf Gray (FS36440) on all upper surfaces and Gloss Insignia White (FS17875) on all undersurfaces and on all control surfaces (i.e. ailerons, rudders, and elevators), landing gear, and engine air inlet ducts. The insides of wing leading edge slats, flaps and speed brakes as well as the edges of the speed brake and landing gear doors were painted Gloss Insignia Red (FS11136). The leading edges of wings and all tail surfaces had an aluminum colored anti-corrosive finish, Coroguard, applied. The A-4E and F models had Flat Black (FS37038) antiglare panels. Radomes were generally black but occasionally Light Gulf Gray or a tan, approximately FS17855.



Standard A-4 Markings Plan Views

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