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# P-39

## Airacobra #1

P-39D, P-39N & P-39Q



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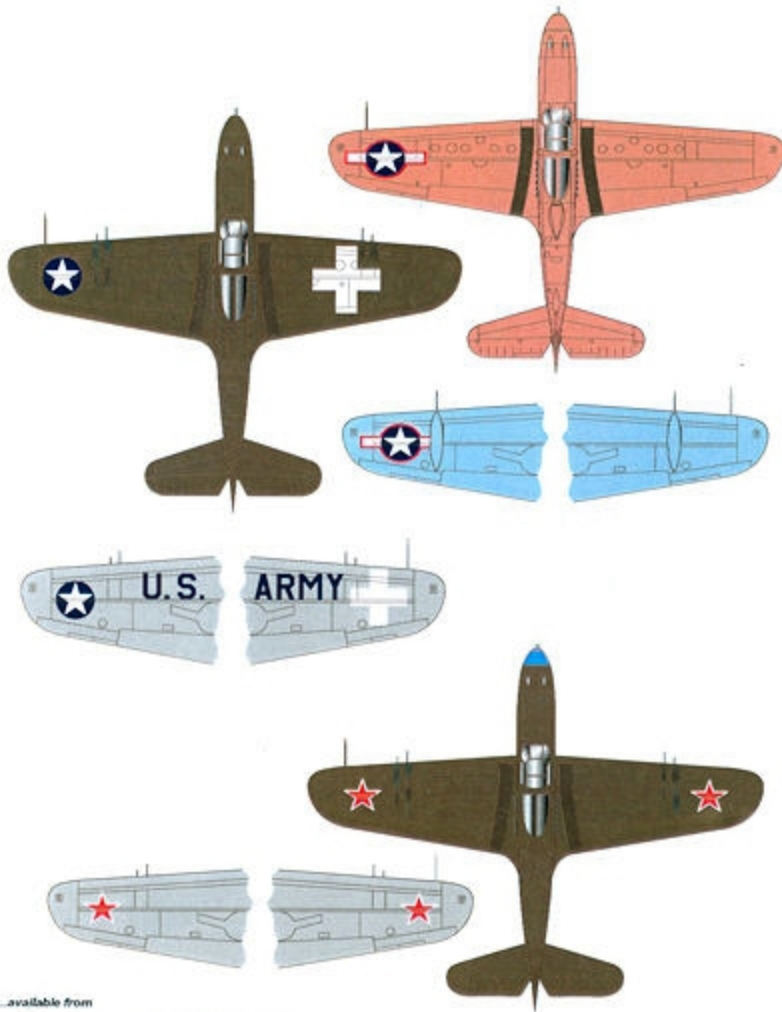
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**Notes on Aircraft****Black 67, White 84 & White 20**

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

**Black 67**

- This P-39D was part of the Carolina Maneuvers in the Fall of 1941.
- Some publications have identified the spinner color as red, but the majority say yellow. We believe yellow is the correct color.
- The 40th FS badge appeared on both sides of the aircraft.

**Devastating Devil**

- This Airacobra carried the very rare scheme of coral and blue. While the exact color matches are not known, coral is believed to be a pinkish color similar to Sand 26 and the blue was a bit greener than Light Blue 27.

**White 20**

- Note that we have shown the underwing star and bar wrapping onto the cannon housing. The exact style used on this aircraft is not shown in existing photos, but that shown is consistent with 71st TRG practice on other P-39s.

**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 References**

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 H053

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