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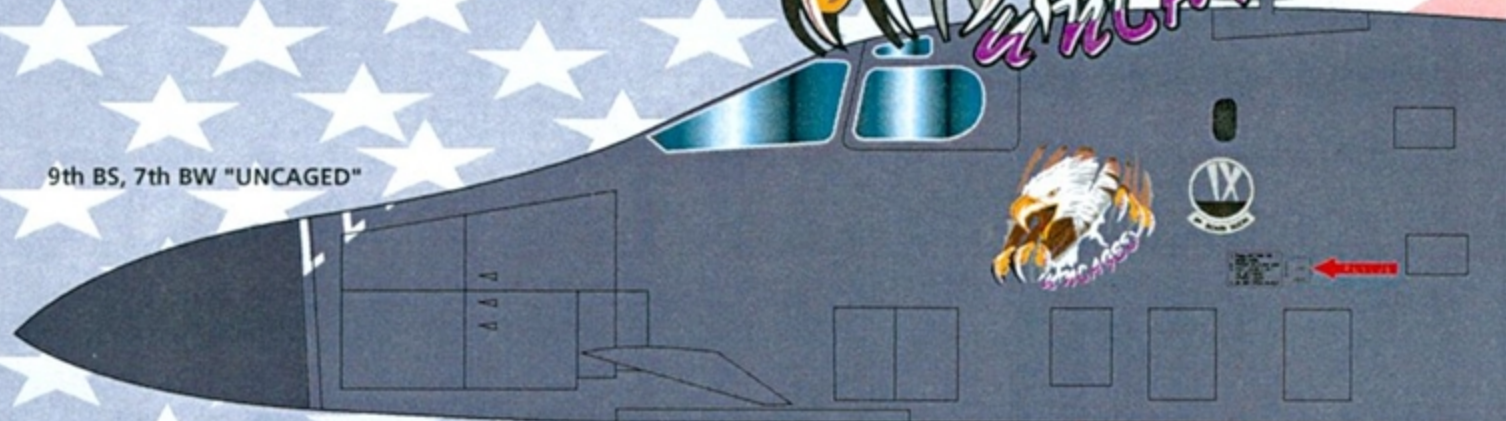
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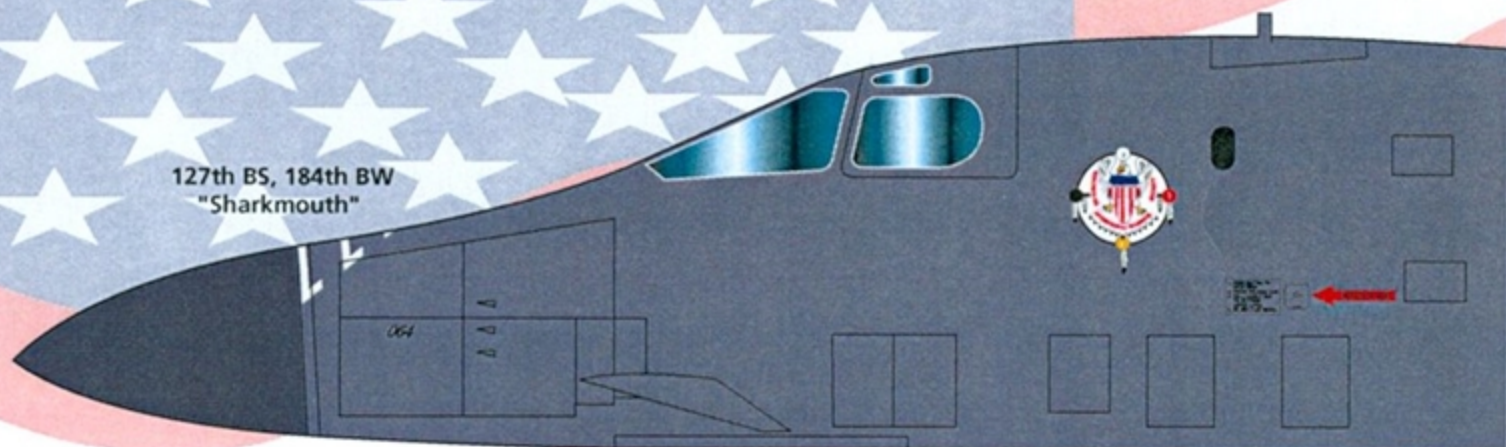
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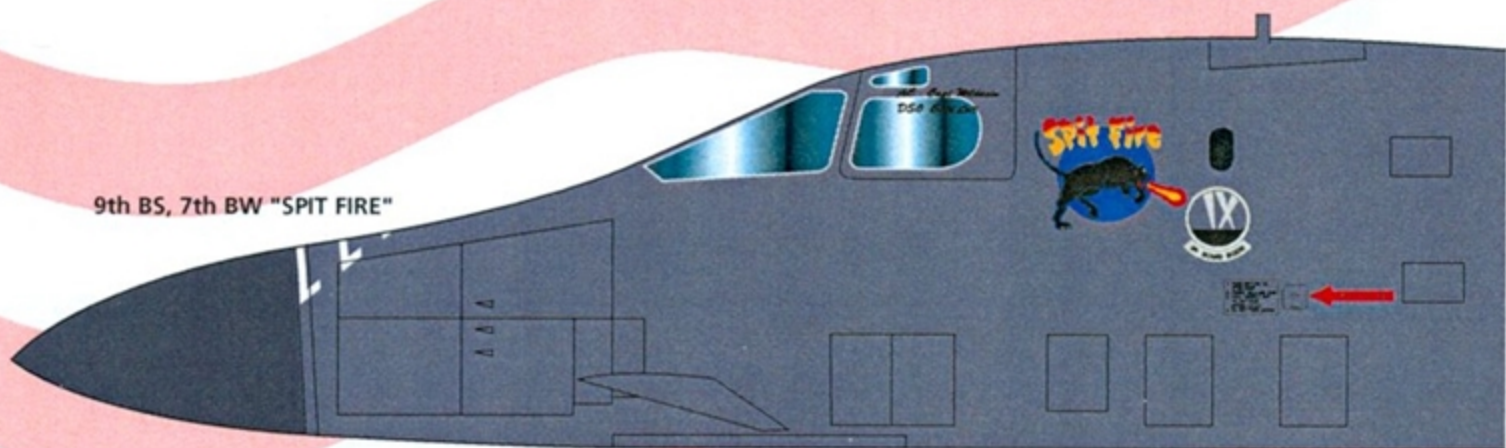
9th BS, 7th BW "UNCAGED"



127th BS, 184th BW
"Sharkmouth"



9th BS, 7th BW "SPIT FIRE"



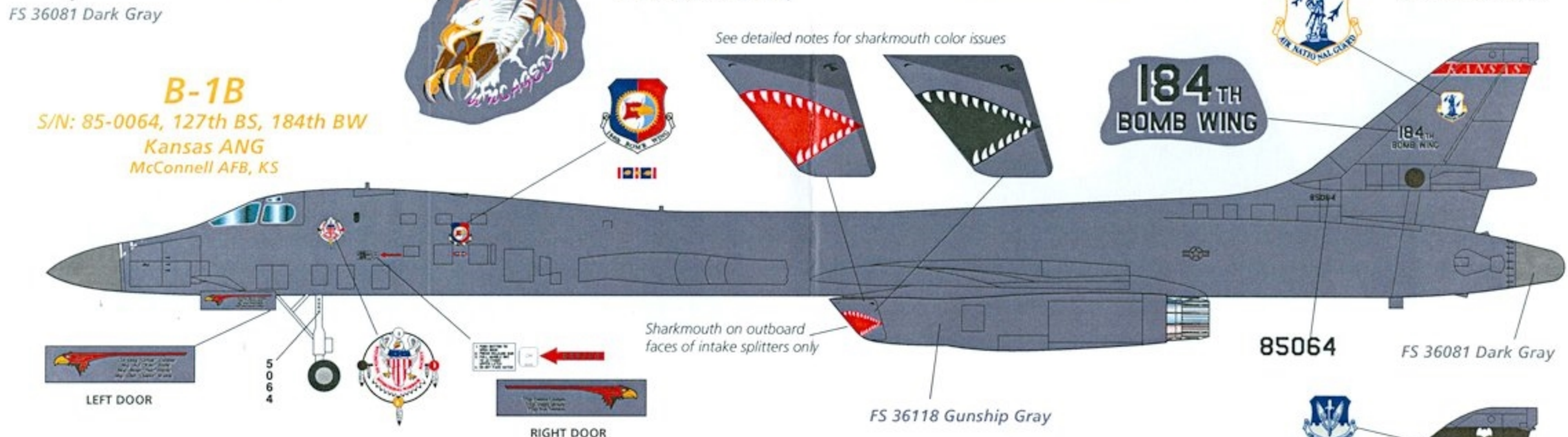
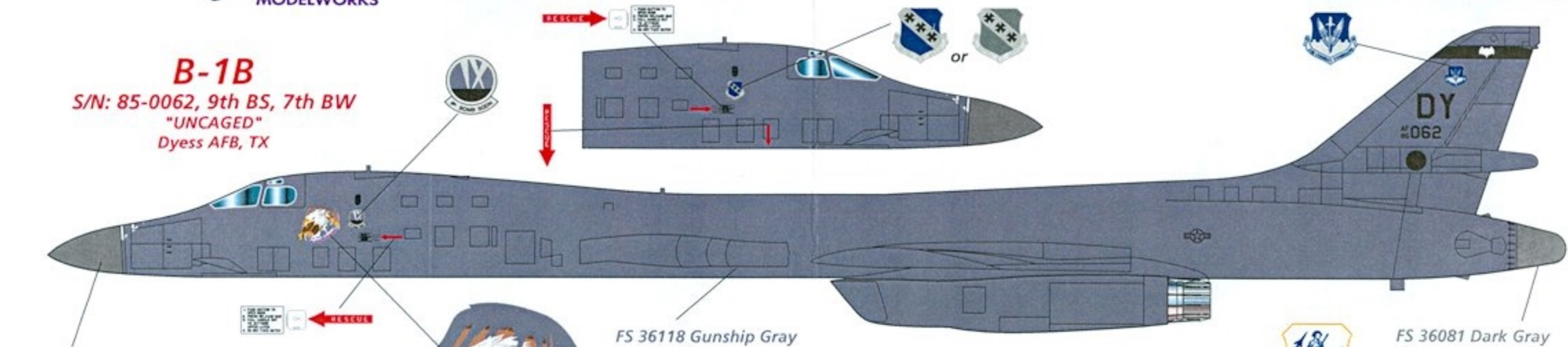
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UNCAGED

- 85-0062 had engine exhaust nozzles without the turkey feathers.
- The 7th Bomb Wing's badge appeared in two styles, one with gray shield and one with blue. Color photos of this jet seem to show the blue style, but we've included both styles.
- As the nose gear number appeared on either a blue or red rectangle at different times, we've included both.

'Sharkmouth'

- 85-0065 was the flagship of the 184th Bomb Wing, Kansas Air National Guard, and for a short time in the Summer of 2001 flew with large shark's mouths on the outboard sides of the engine nacelle splitter plates. In our color photos the mouth appears to be a very reddish. However, we contacted the 184th Bomb Wing to ask them the correct color and were told the crew chief stated they were painted black. OK, he was the guy with the paint and masking tape. HOWEVER, our photos clearly show the "eyes" and "nose" of the shark in a much darker color than the mouth. Since it's hard to have a darker color than black, either the mouth was a very thin, almost translucent, coat of black, or it was the red color we believe it to be. If anyone has clear, well-lighted, color balanced photos of this sharkmouth, we would like to see them. In the meantime, we'll build ours with the red sharkmouth and you can decide for yourself which color you want to use!
- This jet had engine exhaust nozzles without the turkey feathers.

Spitfire

- 83-0071 had engine exhaust without the turkey feathers.
- The 7th Bomb Wing's badge appeared in two styles, one with gray shield and one with blue. Color photos of this jet seem to show the blue style, but we've included both styles.

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 Reference

FS 36118 Xtracolor X5/X130, Humbrol 123 & 125, Gunze Sangyo H333/H032/H075/H305, Modelmaster 1723, Pro Modeler 88-0037, Floquil 303157

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