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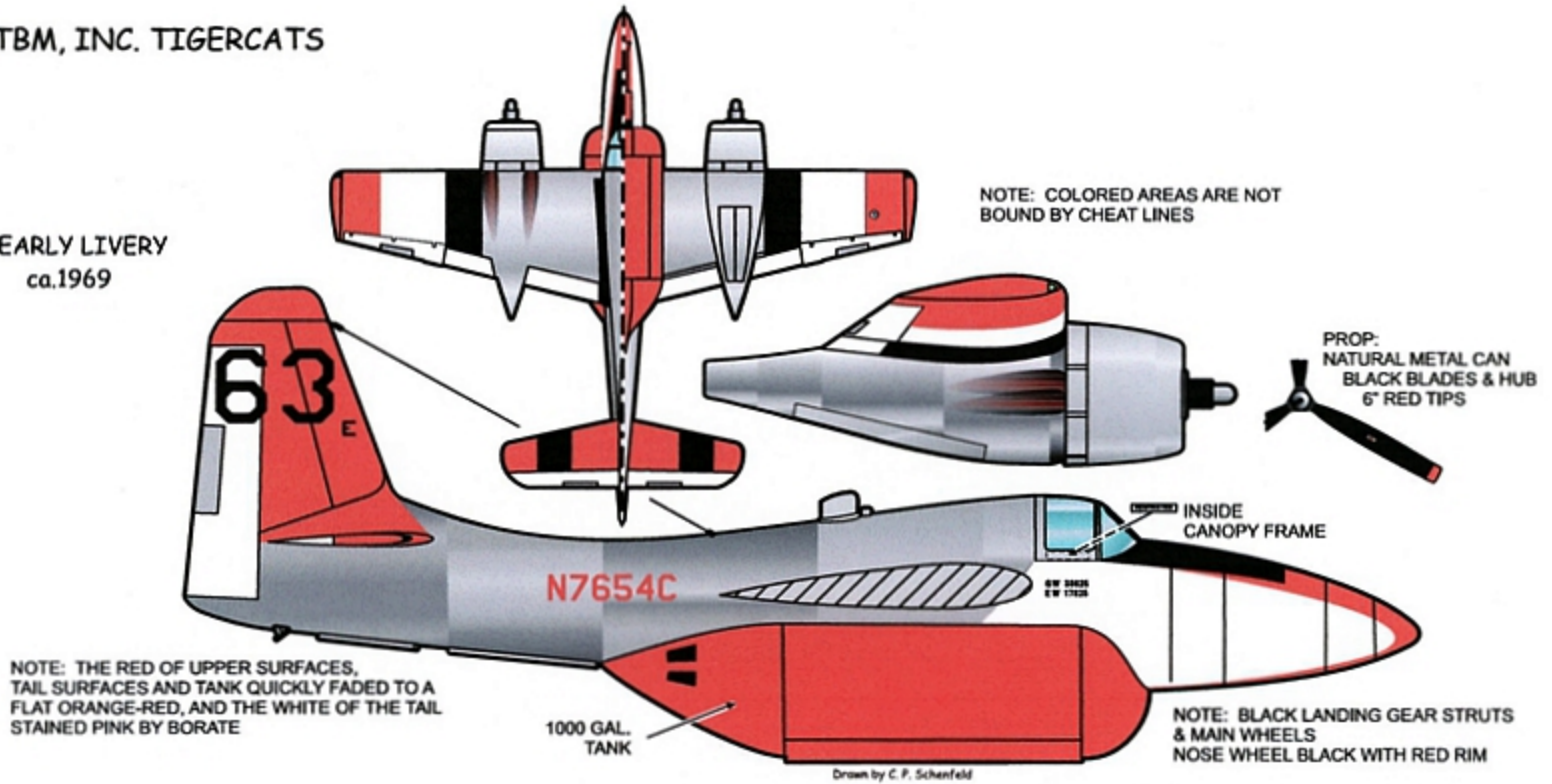
FIRE TANKERS No. 2 "FIRECATS"



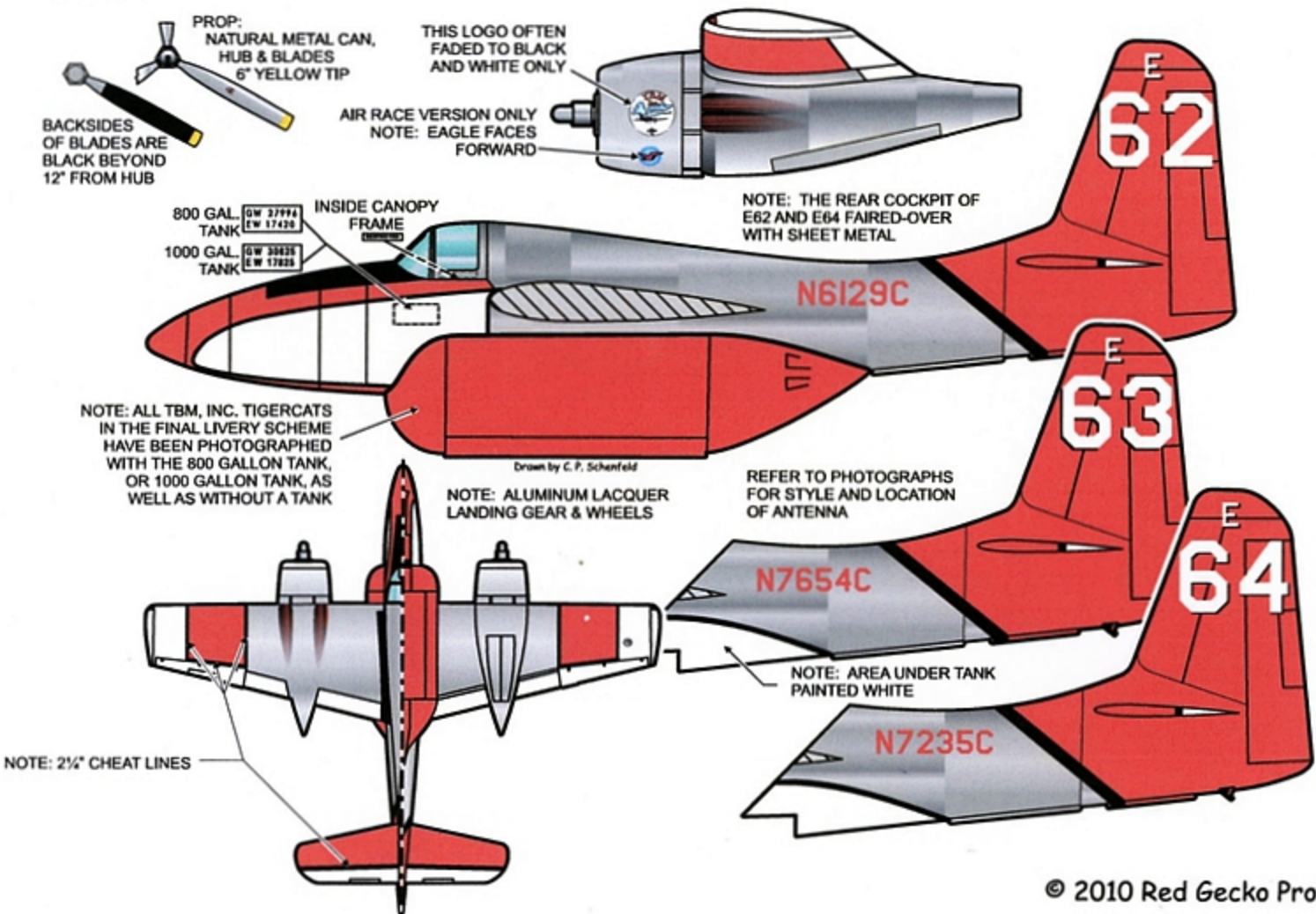
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TBM, INC. TIGERCATS

EARLY LIVERY
ca.1969



FINAL LIVERY
1970 - 1980

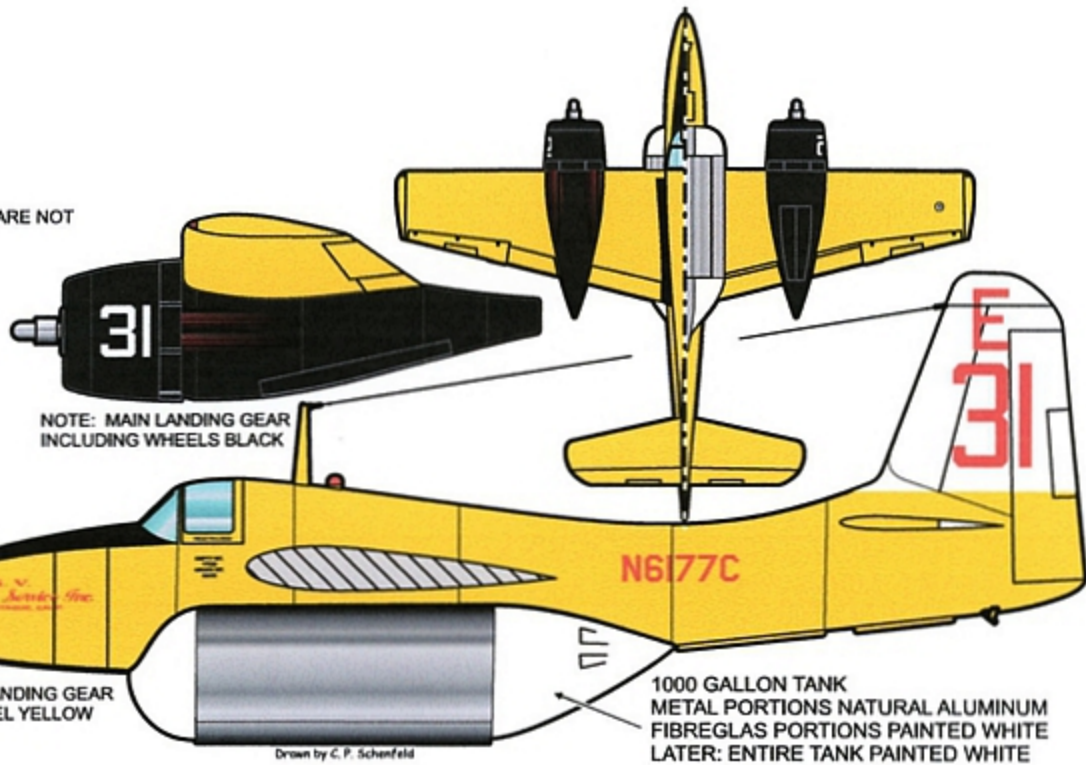


SCOTT'S VALLEY FLYING
SERVICE, INC. TIGERCATS

SCOTT'S VALLEY LIVERY
1963

NOTE: COLORED AREAS ARE NOT
BOUND BY CHEAT LINES

PROP:
NATURAL METAL
CAN & HUBS
BLACK BLADES
6" RED TIPS

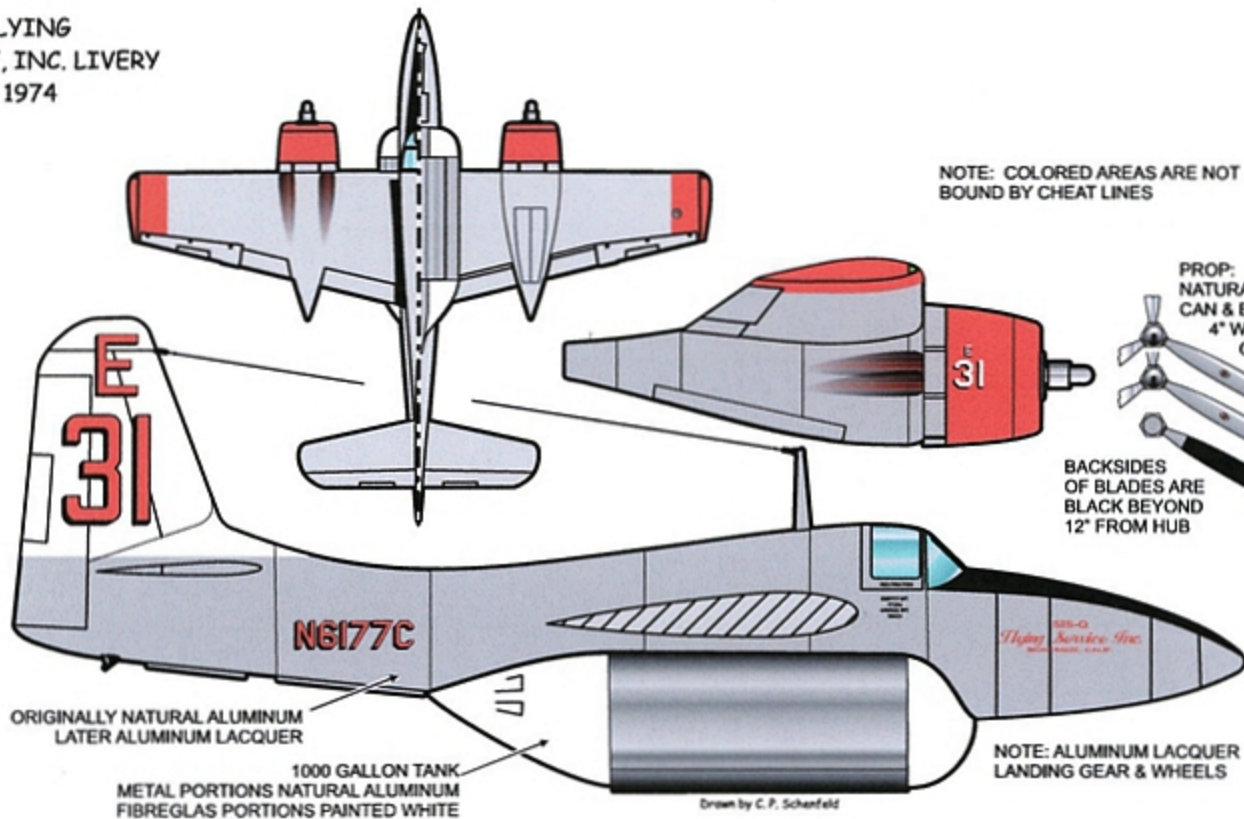


SIS-Q FLYING
SERVICE, INC. LIVERY
1963 - 1974

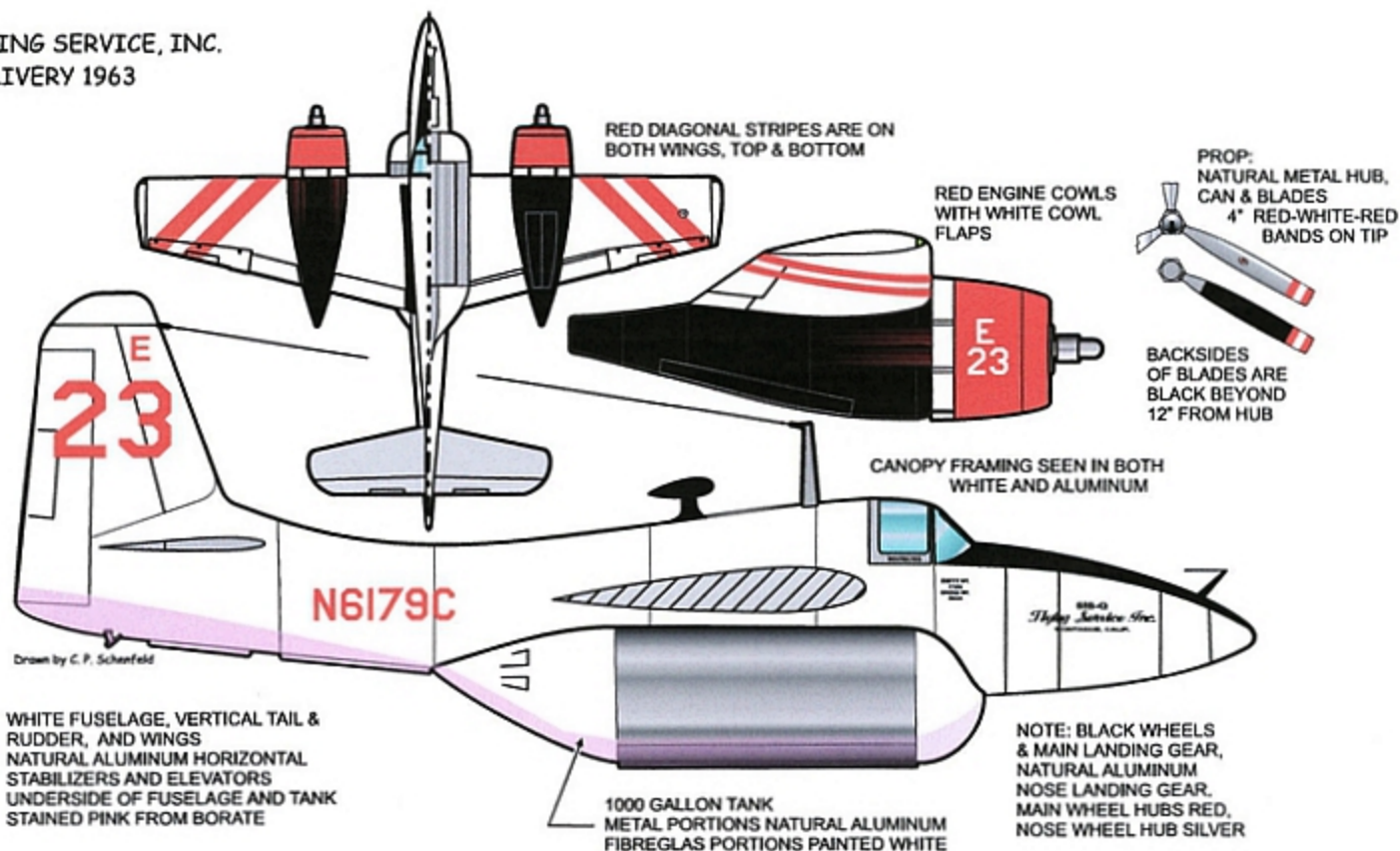
NOTE: COLORED AREAS ARE NOT
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PROP:
NATURAL METAL HUB,
CAN & BLADES
4" WHITE-RED-WHITE
OR RED-WHITE-RED
BANDS ON TIP

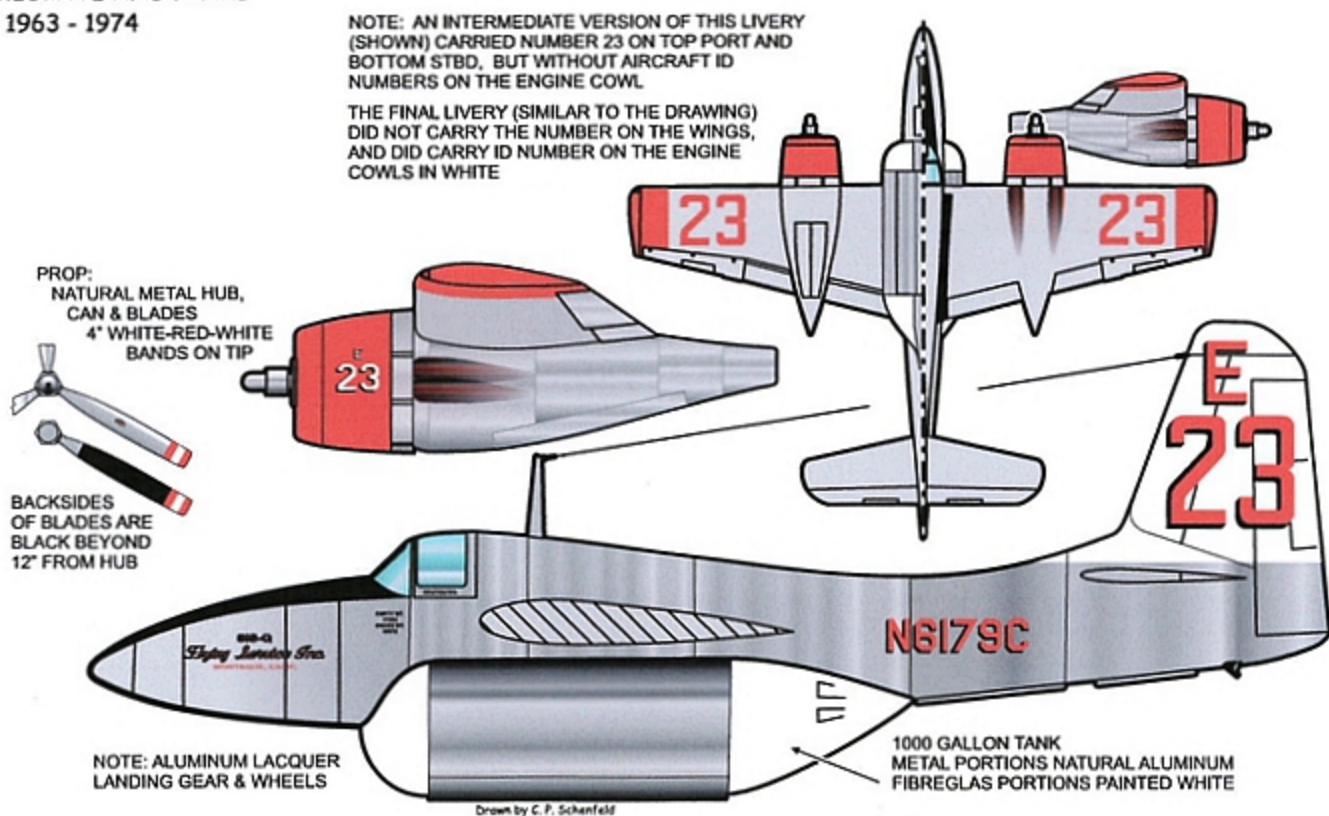
BACKSIDES
OF BLADES ARE
BLACK BEYOND
12" FROM HUB



SIS-Q FLYING SERVICE, INC.
EARLY LIVERY 1963



SIS-Q FLYING SERVICE, INC.
INTERMEDIATE AND FINAL
LIVERY 1963 - 1974



E62 N6129C (BuNo. 80390)
E63 N7654C (BuNo.80373)
E64 N7235C (BuNo.80425)
TBM, Inc., Tulare, CA 1969 - 1980

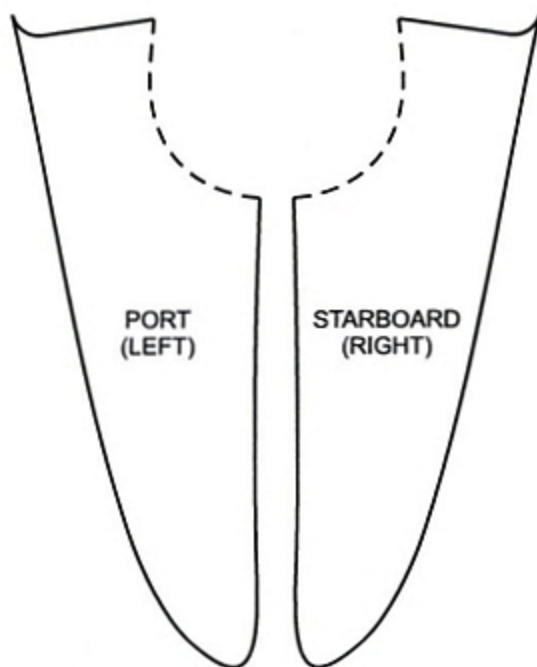
These aircraft have been photographed with the original 1000 gallon tank, the later 800 gallon tank, and without any tank

EARLY SCHEME

E63 was photographed in early 1969 in a transitional scheme of natural aluminum fuselage, wings, engine nacelles, cowl and cowl flaps. Nose red with white side panels. Red vertical tail, horizontal stabilizers and tank (tank vents black). White rudder, elevators, ailerons and flaps, with all trim tabs in natural aluminum. Wings wore broad stripes of black, white and red outboard of the engine nacelles, with the horizontal stabilizers each wearing a single black stripe.

FINAL SCHEME

Applied to all three TBM, Inc. Tigercats was a scheme of natural aluminum fuselage, wings, engine nacelles, cowl and cowl flaps. Nose red with white side panels, with a 1½" black cheat line. Red vertical tail and rudder, horizontal stabilizers and aft fuselage section, separated by a 4" black diagonal cheat line. White elevators, ailerons and flaps, with aileron trim tabs occasionally left in natural aluminum. Wings wore broad red panels, outlined by a 2¼" black cheat line. Note the red panels did not extend into the ailerons. Horizontal stabilizers carried 2¼" black cheat lines at the elevator hinge line. The tank was usually overall red, but, occasionally, the central strip of the 1000 gallon tank remained in natural aluminum. The area of the fuselage under the tank was painted white, bordered by a 1½" black cheat line. The TBM, Inc. logo was carried on the outboard sides of the engine cowls. In 1976, Tigercat E62 flew in this livery at the Reno Air Races. The tank was removed, and a Pratt & Whitney logo was added to the engine cowl.



TEMPLATE FOR TBM, INC. WHITE NOSE AREA

GENERAL NOTES

These were working aircraft and, while they were never allowed to get grubby, the aluminum and paint did weather. The red, especially, faded and lost its gloss finish. The borate fire retardant stained painted and fibreglas surfaces a distinctive shade of pink.

The red of the decals is matched to Testors #1103 enamel

We have provided enough pinstriping/cheat line material to replicate any of the schemes on this sheet. Additionally, the ends of formed cheat lines are left a bit long in an effort to avoid gaps. Trim these as needed for the best fit.

E23 N6179C (BuNo.80494)
SIS-Q Flying Service, Inc. - Montague and Santa Rosa, CA

This aircraft appears to have carried the 1000 gallon tank throughout its career. The metal portions of the tank were natural aluminum, with fibreglas portions painted white.

EARLY SCHEME

White fuselage, vertical tail, rudder and wings. Natural aluminum horizontal stabilizers and elevators, and, occasionally canopy frame. Two wide diagonal stripes top and bottom of both wings. Black engine nacelles. Red engine cowls, and white cowl flaps. White E23 on outboard sides of engine cowls. Red E23 on vertical tail, and N6179C on fuselage sides. SIS-Q Flying Service, Inc. - Montague Calif. carried in red on nose.

INTERMEDIATE SCHEME

Natural aluminum fuselage, horizontal stabilizers, elevators, engine nacelles and cowl flaps. Red cowl. White vertical tail and top of rudder. Red wing tips, and red 23 top of stbd wing and bottom of port wing. Red shadowed E23 on vertical tail, and N6179C on fuselage sides. SIS-Q Flying Service, Inc. - Montague Calif. carried in shadowed red.

FINAL SCHEME

Similar to intermediate scheme, except: White shadowed E23 on outboard sides of engine cowls. Aircraft ID number not carried on wings. SIS-Q Flying Service, Inc. - Montague Calif. carried in shadowed red.

E31 N6177C (BuNo. 80397)
Scott's Valley Flying Service, Inc. - Montague, CA
SIS-Q Flying Service, Inc. - Montague and Santa Rosa, CA

This aircraft appears to have carried the 1000 gallon tank throughout its career. The metal portions of the tank were natural aluminum, with fibreglas portions painted white. At some point, the entire tank was painted white.

EARLY SCHEME

Yellow fuselage, and wings, horizontal stabilizers and elevators. White vertical tail and top of rudder. Black engine nacelles, engine cowls, and white cowl flaps. White E31 on outboard sides of engine cowls. Red E31 on vertical tail, and N6177C on fuselage sides. S. V. Flying Service, Inc. - Montague Calif. carried in red.

FINAL SCHEME

Natural aluminum fuselage, horizontal stabilizers, elevators, engine nacelles and cowl flaps. Red cowl and wing tips. White vertical tail and top of rudder. Red shadowed E31 on vertical tail, and N6177C on fuselage sides. SIS-Q Flying Service, Inc. - Montague Calif. carried in shadowed red.

CONVERSION AND DETAIL RESOURCES:

Lone Star Models, Inc. (Mike West)
<http://www.lonestarmodels.com/>
F7F 800 gal. tank 1/72 scale (LSM0148)
F7F 800 gal. tank 1/48 scale (LSM0158)
F7F 1000 gal. tank 1/73 scale (coming soon)
F7F 1000 gal. tank 1/48 scale (LSM0142)

RESEARCH RESOURCES:

www.warbirdregistry.org
Aero Research Co. (Aeroresmodel@AOL.com)
"Fire Tankers" (5001) pt.1, (5002) pt.2, (5003) pt.3

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