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Golden Scooter
RNZAF TA-4K 50 Years
Anniversary Special 1987

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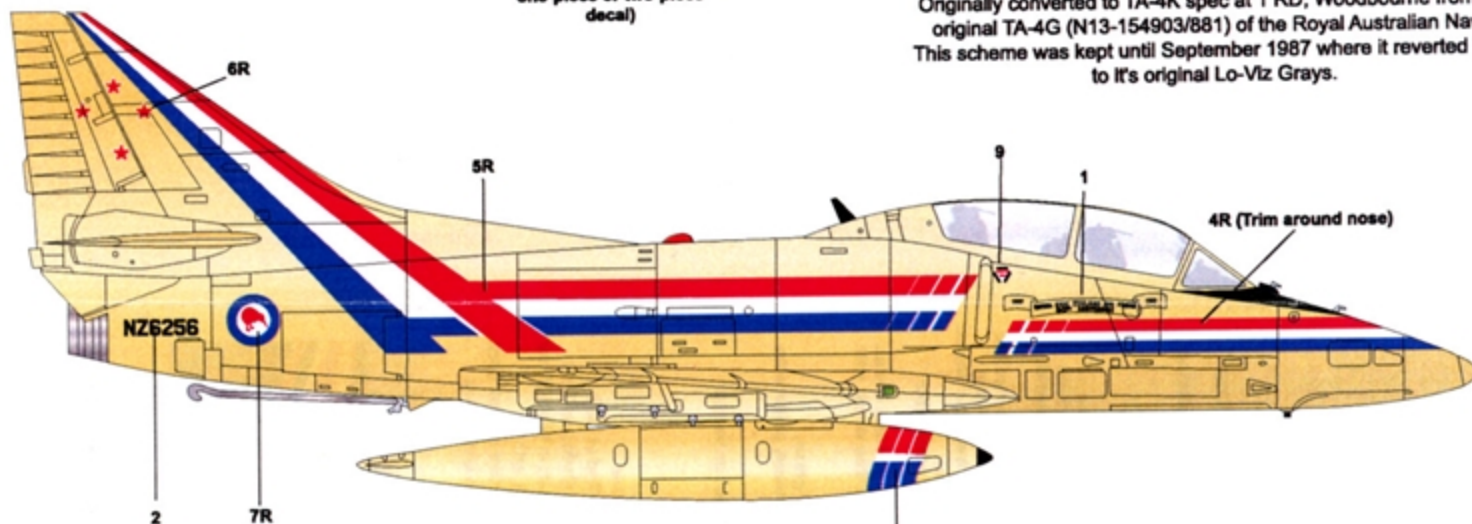
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4L (Trim around nose)

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7L

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3 (Choose between
one-piece or two-piece
decal)

TA-4K Skyhawk, 2 Squadron, based at Ohakea, New Zealand, 1987.
Originally converted to TA-4K spec at 1 RD, Woodbourne from an
original TA-4G (N13-154903/881) of the Royal Australian Navy.
This scheme was kept until September 1987 where it reverted back
to it's original Lo-Viz Grays.

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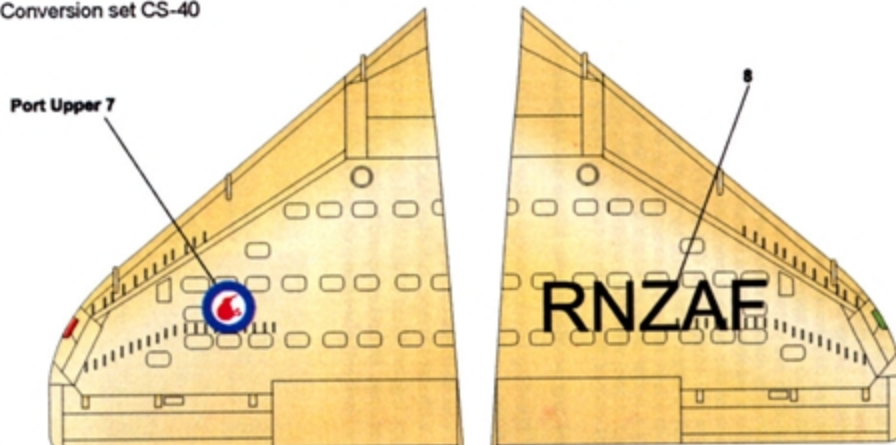decal)

Reference Sources:
Scale Dimensions, Official Journal of New Zealand IPMS, April 1987
Scale Models International Magazine, November 1987

Recommended 1:72 Kits:
TA-4M, Fujimi
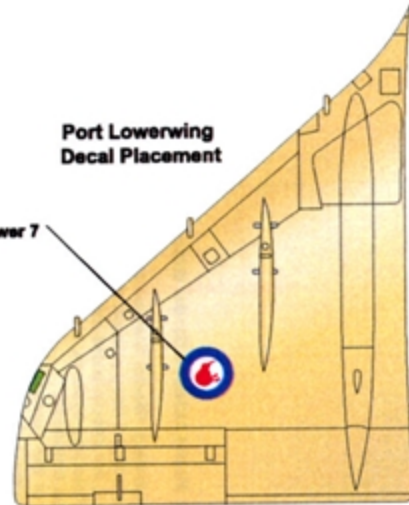TA-4G Hasegawa (Converted)
Recommended 1:48 Kits:
TA-4 Hasegawa

Recommended 1:72 Conversion Set:
Aviation Workshop Conversion set CS-40

**Port Lowerwing
Decal Placement**

Starboard Lower 7

**Port & Starboard
Upperwing Decal Placement:**

Port Upper 7

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Gold
FS17043
Xtracolour N/A
Humbrol 16
Lifecolor LC75
Gunze 9
Tamiya X12
Testors 2722

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1. Before painting the model, clean with Model Alliance 'Model Wipes'. This cleans the grease and any dust from the surface.
2. We recommend that you wear Model Alliance 'Model Gloves' to handle the model whilst preparing it for painting.
3. For best results, spray the model with a Light Grey primer, any defects can then be made good.
4. For demarcation and camouflage lines, we recommend that you use Model Alliance 'Masking Film'.
5. If you wish to use a decal fixing and finishing system, we recommend you use the Microscale System, do not use strong decals solvents such as Solvaset.
6   Once you are happy with the painting of the model, coat it in a clear gloss finish, this can either be over the entire model if the model is finished glossy or spot gloss finish in the area's that have a decal. A good surface finish are clear floor shine's such as Johnson wax - Klear. This is sold under different names around the world. Klear can be either brushed on or sprayed.
7. Cut each decal from the sheet as needed. Do not trim the clear varnish finish to close to the decal. Submerge the decal in warm water for about 10 seconds and remove to a flat surface and wait for the decal to release from the backing sheet. A small amount of washing up liquid in the warm water helps the decal release from the sheet.
8. These decals do not require a decal setting solution to lay flat or to conform to the model contours.
9. With a pair of tweezers to hold the backing sheet, slide the decal in position on the model using a small soft brush. Do not use an old painting brush as bits can get under the decal.
10. Carefully remove any excess water with a soft cloth or tissue once you are happy with the position of the decal. Should you make a mistake, dip a brush in the warm water and ease under the edge of the decal. The decal will then easily move to the correct position and again remove the excess water.
11. When the decals are completely dry, gently wipe off all excess decal adhesive.
12. Leave the model to dry completely, spray or paint over the decals with a further coat of Klear or gloss.
13. Should the decal silver for any reason, this is because small air bubbles are under the decal. If found, prick with a pin and apply a small drop of Micro Sol to the decal and allow to dry for up to 12 hours.
14. Finally, coat the model with the required finish, either gloss, semi gloss or matt.
15. Decals are best stored flat and in a cool, dry place and should not be stored in direct sunlight, hot or humid conditions.
16. Should you have any problems with these decals please contact us at the address below.

TA-4K Skyhawk Detailing: Interior Cockpit colour is very Dark Grey FS 36231 including floors, walls and rear bulkhead. Instrument panels are Dark Grey with Black dials and switch and panels. Escapac IIC Ejector seats have Dark Grey frames, with Yellow/Black ejector handles below the seat cushion. The head box is Dark Grey with Black/Red or Dark Green head cushion. Seat Back cushion seats are generally Black (Plastic) with covering Mid Green at the top with Khaki seat. Seat belts are Dark Green with some straps Dark Blue. Buckles are metallic Gunmetal. There are various plates on the seats in White/Silver and Red. Undercarriage legs are Gloss White. Wheel bay interiors are White but get very dirty. Wheel hubs are White with Red 'tyre slippage' markings. Air brakes/ speed brakes and flap controls are Gloss Red. Interior of panels seem a mixture of Dark Grey, White and dull Yellow. Black anti glare panel on nose. Inside of intakes Gloss White. Exhaust burnt metal. Black tips to underwing fuel tanks.

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