

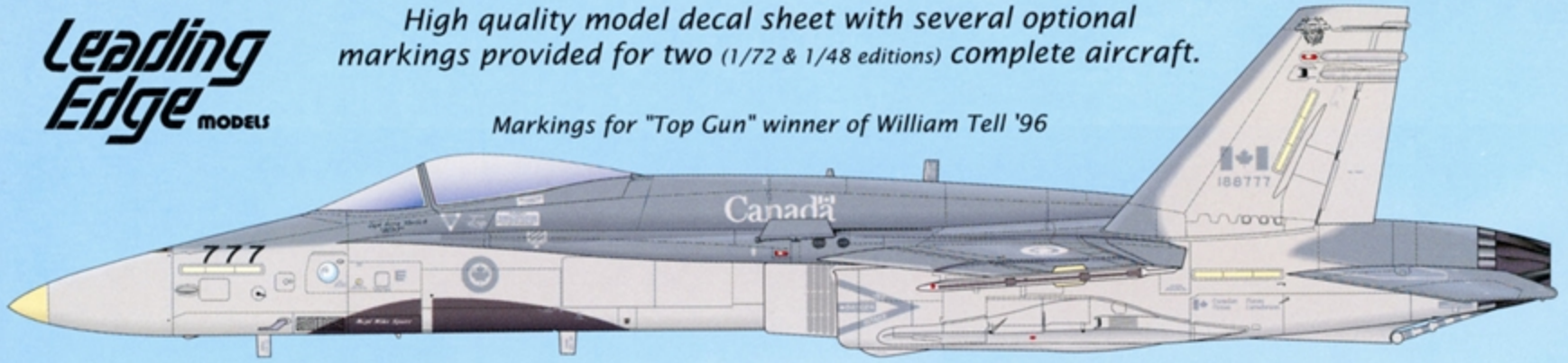
CANADIAN ARMED FORCES CF-18 HORNET STANDARD MARKINGS

DECAL SET #72.24 1/72 SCALE
 # 48.24 1/48 SCALE
 # 32.06 1/32 SCALE

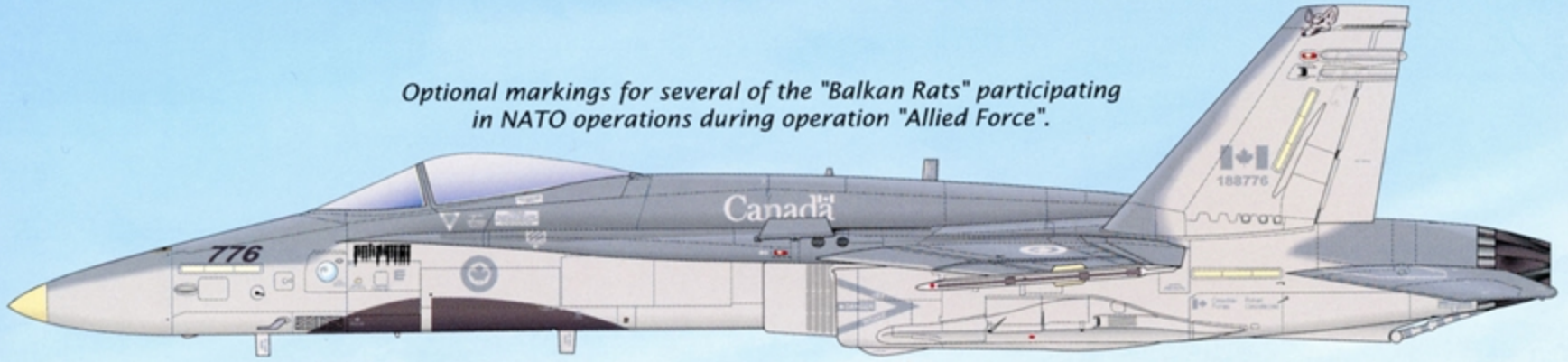
**Leading
Edge** MODELS

High quality model decal sheet with several optional markings provided for two (1/72 & 1/48 editions) complete aircraft.

Markings for "Top Gun" winner of William Tell '96



Optional markings for several of the "Balkan Rats" participating in NATO operations during operation "Allied Force".



410
"Cougar"



416
"Lynx"



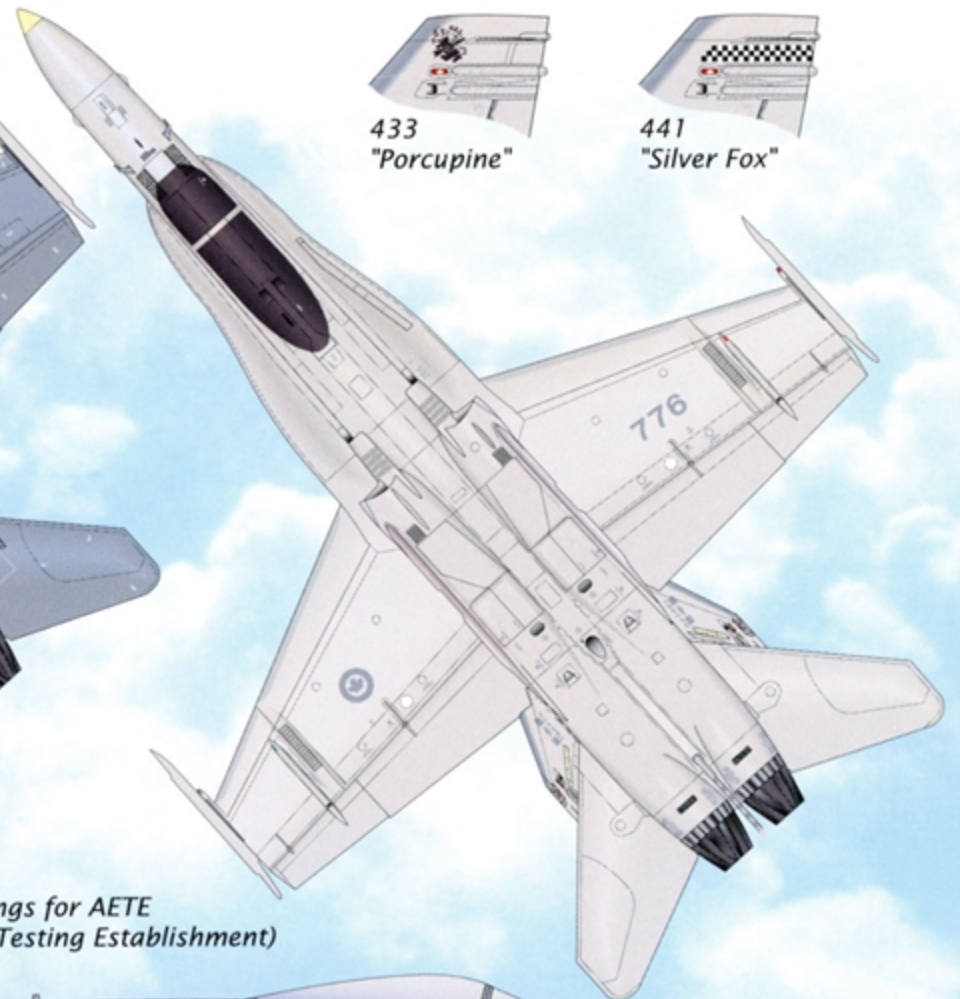
425
"Alouette"



433
"Porcupine"



441
"Silver Fox"



-  RADOME TAN
-  LIGHT GRAY
FS#36375
-  MEDIUM GRAY
FS#35237

Optional markings for AETE
(Aerospace Experimental Testing Establishment)



NOSE NUMBERS

Small numbers; Used from delivery. Larger RCAF font started to appear around 1991 originally vertical as provided on 188758 & 188798 options in this set. Skewed numbers appeared very soon and were used on most aircraft. Desert Storm aircraft were a mix of number styles.

409, 421 & 439
Baden, Germany

401, 425 & 433
Bagotville Quebec

409, 410, 416 & 441 & AETE
Cold Lake, Alberta



#56. & #57.
Emergency canopy jettison removed in the late 1980's.

012345677899 style "A" small numbers

0123456789 style "B" large skewed RCAF font numbers



Outline Border Flag

RCAF Official Font Style Numbers

1980's "Early"



CANADA



012345677899

1990's "New"



Canada



Helvetica Font Style Numbers
012345677899

0123456789



Gov. dept. logos applied to rear area. 2/3 flag changed to full flag many years ago but disregard to official drawings is the norm for this detail. Both styles still common.

Current "Up Graded" Avionics Fit



Nose Fence Antennas

Swept Antenna
New pan antenna.

Flat GPS Antenna

Correct maple leaf.
RCAF ARC

Swept Antenna

Post Office style logo now not always present.

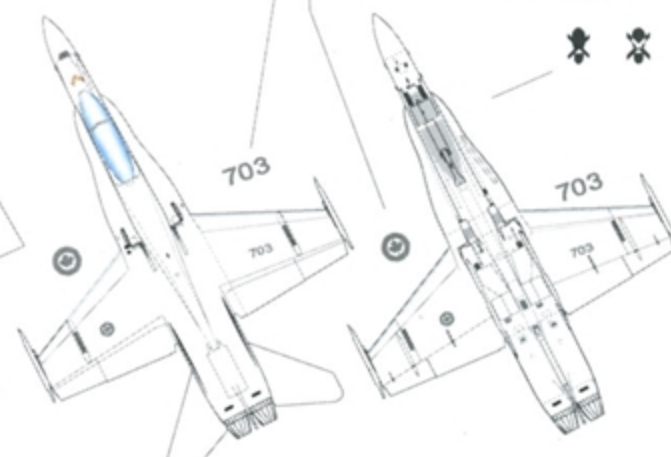
Incorrect maple leaf option.

Several CF-18s have not been completely repainted and still have early RCAF font numbers in some places.

Wing markings changed with the removal of the "CAF" to upper and lower roundel and last 3 digit numerals upper and lower wings.

NO STEP

"NO STEP" changed to symbols. In spite of official drawings there are several variations of these symbols.

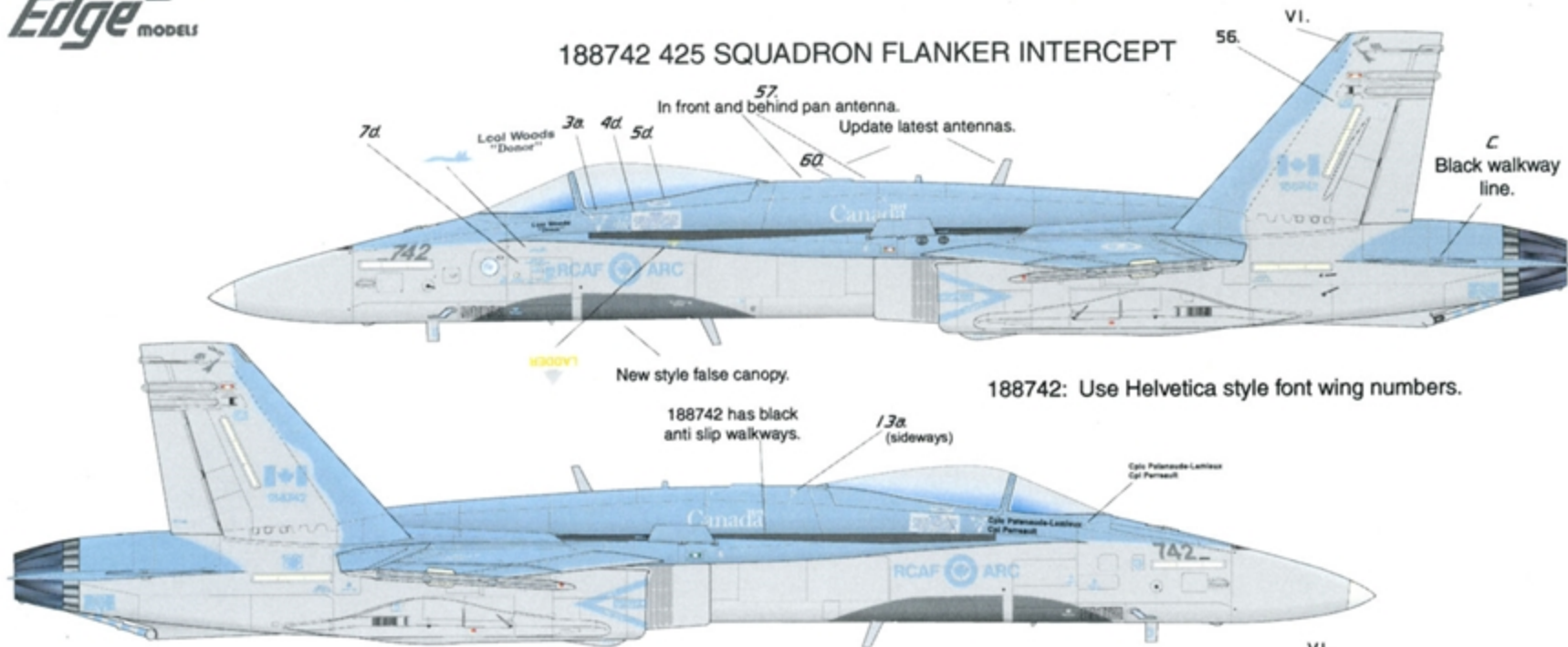


Upgrade Part: Nose Antennas

Upgrade Part: Swept Antennas

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188742 425 SQUADRON FLANKER INTERCEPT



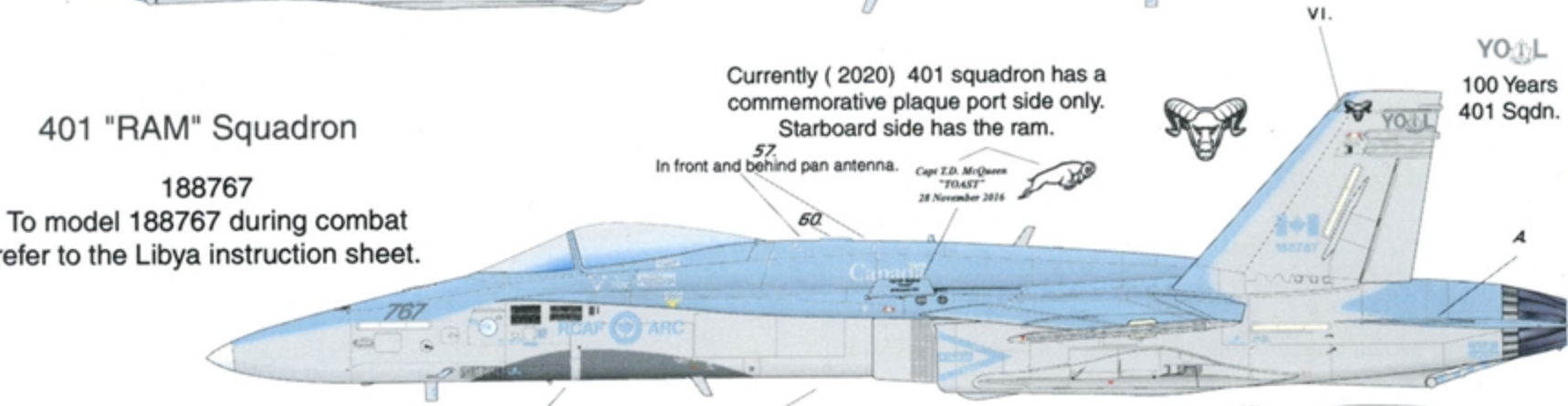
New style false canopy.

188742: Use Helvetica style font wing numbers.

401 "RAM" Squadron

188767

To model 188767 during combat refer to the Libya instruction sheet.



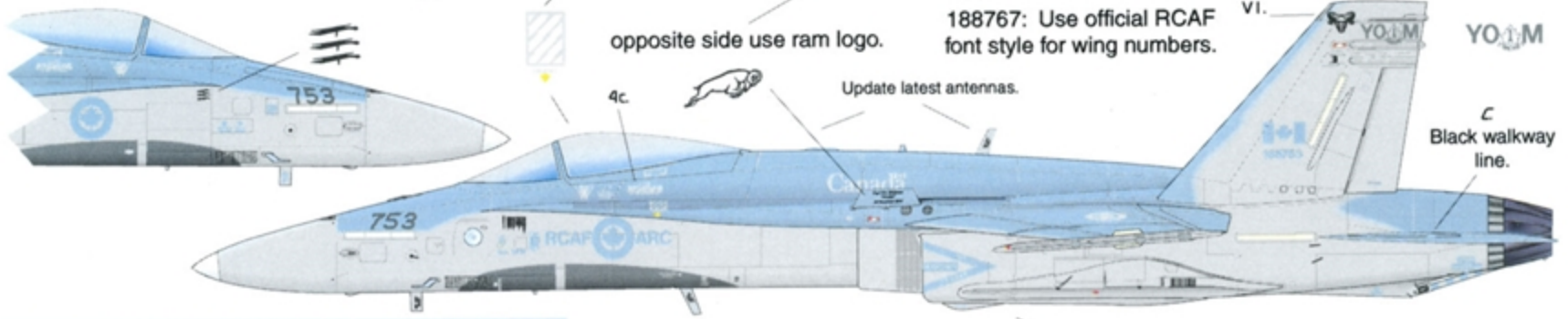
Currently (2020) 401 squadron has a commemorative plaque port side only. Starboard side has the ram.

188767: Use official RCAF font style for wing numbers.



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188753 multi squadron options. 401 / 409 / 441 Sqdns & Balkin Rat. Unique CF-18 paint scheme with wing size roundels on fuselage.



409 Sqdn. with name. Upgraded.



441 Tail: Option with/without upgrade antennas.



Remove "RCAF ARC" portion of decal

188753: Use Helvetica style font wing numbers.

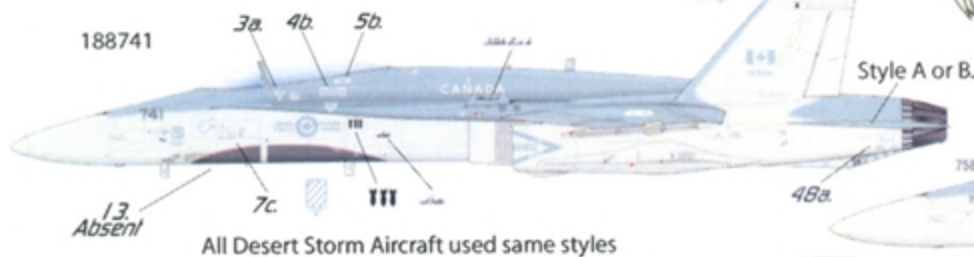
Desert Storm CF-18s 1991

Most squadron logos were removed for operations but a few were left on. Originally 416 and 439 aircraft but also aircraft from 421 and 441 were used.

188741 was from 421 squadron in 1990 but logo removed for Desert Storm.



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Style A or B.

All Desert Storm Aircraft used same styles for 3a., 4b., 5b., 7c., 44b., 48a. unless noted.



Black only 441 checkers late 1991.



188758



188782



741 All Desert Storm aircraft used RCAF Font numbers and Style A. "NO STEP".

Note: 188798 was one of only a few aircraft in theatre with the new style "Canada" markings. Contrary to sideview art published photos available only show the boat kill marking. 416 tail and lex fence logo applied after Desert Storm.



Use this variation of intake warning for 188798.

Balkan Rat CF-18s 1999



Richard Girouard photos



Bear claw for 425 option only.

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188774
Stabs replaces Styles C or D.



Dark Gray/Black Anti-slip Walkway

188776

Style D.



Black 425 logo

188790

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No Gov. Dept. Logo



188795

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Richard Girouard photo



Richard Girouard photo

Helvetica
Font

188786 Tupolev 160 "Black Jack" Bomber Intercept

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Gray #36375

Rudder painted
#35237 both sides.

#43b.



433 logo starboard
425 logo port side

188791 1990
Demonstration Jet

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188792 Cryllic "Check Six" Markings



#56 & #57 removed.

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CANADA

"Early" CANADA markings.

RCAF
FONT

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Cape St. Vincent "BEAT"

Super Blue "Saber"

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188777

188777 1996 William Tell
Gunnery Competition "Top Gun"

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Helvetica
Font



188718 Tupolev 98 "Bear" Bomber 2x Intecepts



Derek Heyes photo

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188735
Prior to application of mission marks and Sicily logo.

Upper gray 425 sqdn logo & Sicily logo applied after operations.

CF-18s of "Operation Mobile" based in Sicily for operations over Libya 2011.



188734 425 Sqdn logo is not completely painted out. Decal provide to show the ghost appearance of the logo.



188736 starboard rudder is painted #36257 on both sides.



188734



"Canada" logo appears faded.

Note: Squadron logos were sprayed over with touch up paint for combat operations.

Underside of 188759 appears untouched from 1980s with 'CAF' instead of roundel but '759' is touched up to a darker gray. 188759 has since been repainted to current markings.



188759

188759

425 logo used after Sicily logo removed.



188767

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