# MODEL ALLIANCE

**DECALS** 

# ROYAL AIR FORCE

# EARLY BIRD LIGHTNINGS

High Quality Decals for 6 English Electric Lightnings

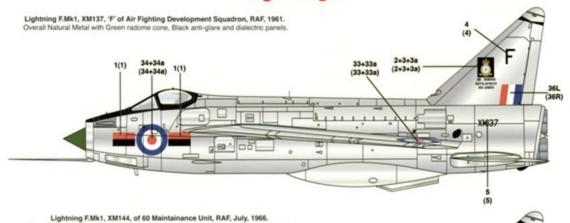


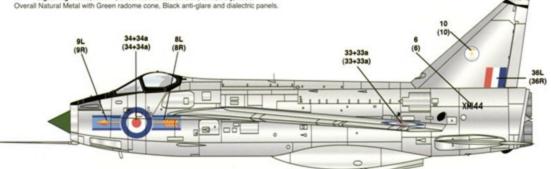
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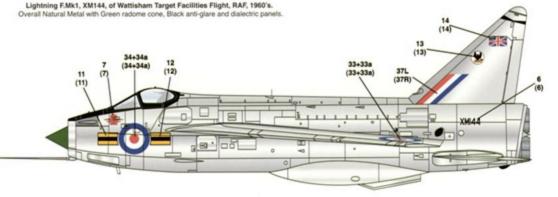
PREMIER RANGE

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#### Important Note

The modeller is advised to use the donor kit kit stencils to complete the model.

Recommended Kits:

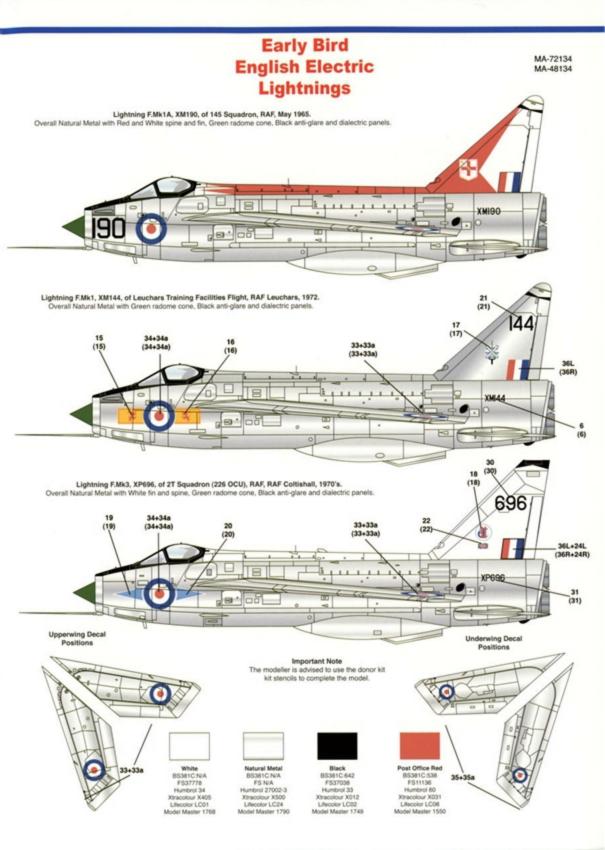
1/72 Scale: Heritage Aviation Lightning F.Mk1/ F.Mk3

1/48 Scale: Airfix Lightning F.Mk1/F.Mk1A/F.Mk2/F.Mk3 Grand Phoenix Lightning F.Mk1/F.Mk1A/F.Mk2/F.Mk3

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## Decals Instructions:

These decals are a high quality product produced for Model Alliance Decals - UK by Colourslide-UK. The decals are very thin but very strong and flexible.

- Before painting the model, clean with 'Model Wipes'. This cleans the grease and any dust from the surface.
- 2. We recommend that you wear '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 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.

Lightning Detailing: Interior Cockpit colour is Black. (Very Dark Grey, drybrushed with Black to highlight)
Instrument panels are Black with Black dial and switch and panels. Panels have Grey switch's and reference to
SAM Publications Lightning book is highly recommended. The Martin Baker Mk 4 Ejector seats have Black frames, with
Yellow/Black ejector handles above the head box. Cushion seats are generally Dark Green with the head
box cushion Dark Green, belts are Tan and Blue. Lower belts are either Olive Green or Blue, upper straps in Dark Green with
head box restraining straps in Dark Green. Some seats have sheapskin covers. Undercarriage legs are Silver. Wheel bay
interiors are Silver but get very dirty. Air brakes/ speed brakes are Silver internally. Undercarriage doors internally are Silver.
Nose outer ring is polished steel and the nose cones are either Light Green or Light Tan.

### **Recommended Accessories:**

1/72 Scale - Model Alliance Redtop Missiles Firestreak Missiles Aeroclub MB Mk4 Ejector Seats Flightpath Ladder

1/48 Scale - Neomega C31 Cockpit Replacement Set

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