

USAF PHANTOM WALKWAYS

For Use on Hill Gray Camouflage Schemes
F-4C, F-4D, F-4E, F-4G, AND RF-4C

Designed for 1:48 scale
Hasegawa F-4E/G kits

Non-skid walkway extensions were added to the tops of the moveable inlet ramps. Outlines, when used, were always dark.

Overlay the Medium Gray outlines with Gunship Gray outline only decal. Trim Gunship Gray outlines to conform to your camouflage demarcation line.

RED Ram Air Turbine (RAT) door stripe. Always present even when walkways weren't!

Align the rear edge of the wing walkway with this panel line. These walkways did NOT extend all the way to the inboard flaps nor did they match their angle.

Fuselage spine walkways were not applied to all aircraft.

This decal set was designed to give the modeler maximum versatility for applying walkways for up to six Phantom models. It provides the most commonly used walkway styles on U.S. Air Force Hill Gray schemes. The walkways were drawn using factory drawings and adjusted to fit the 1:48 scale Hasegawa F-4E/G models. With modification, they can be made to fit the Hasegawa F-4C/D kits, which are completely different molds or other manufacturers' Phantom kits.

General Notes:

Aircraft walkways serve two purposes, to designate areas on the aircraft where the aircraft structure can safely support the weight of a person, and to provide traction for those walking on the aircraft. Remember that these areas are rough, non-skid coatings and should be FLAT, even on schemes that are otherwise glossy. Check your references!

There were many individual variations in USAF Phantom walkways. The early USAF three color camouflage schemes seldom had walkways at all, with black outlined wing walkways appearing on a few aircraft. Red Ram Air Turbine (RAT) door stripes, provided here, appeared on all USAF paint schemes going back to the first deliveries. With the adoption of the two-tone Hill Gray schemes in the late 1980s, however, walkways became common in USAF Phantoms. These were initially placed on the inlet trunks and on the wings. Later, a walkway along the aircraft's spine forward of the vertical tail was added. The wing walkways sometimes had WALKWAY stencils placed inside the stripes which were oriented to read standing inside the walkway. Optional WALKWAY stencils are provided. Four basic walkway color styles were used most often on the Hill Gray Phantoms:

Outline Only: Outlined walkways had two basic variations: black outlines and mixed outlines. The mixed outline uses Medium Gray outlines on Gunship Gray camouflaged areas and either black or Gunship Gray outlines over the Medium Gray camouflaged areas.

Dark or Gunship Gray with Black Outlines: Use the decal as is for this variation.

Gunship Gray with Gray Outlines: For this variation you must first apply the dark gull gray walkways and then apply the Medium Gray outline walkways over them when and where needed, cutting to fit, as per above.

Anti-Skid Finish with Outlines: Use the black outlined decal as is or trim the Gunship Gray outlines as above for this variation with gray outlines.

