

Classic Airframes

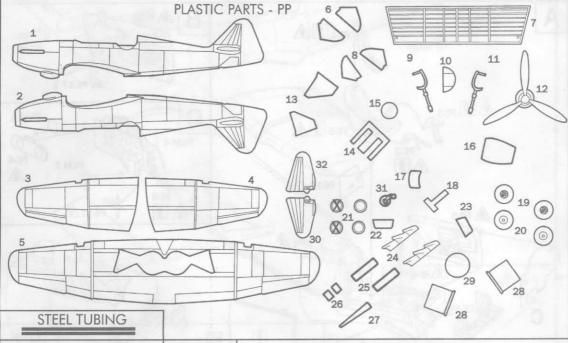


Boulton-Paul

EFIANT Mk.I

1/48 SCALE PLASTIC KIT

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ACETATE PARTS-AC



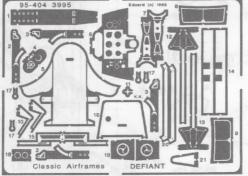
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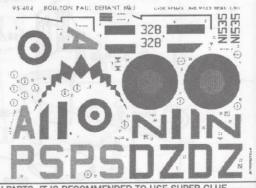
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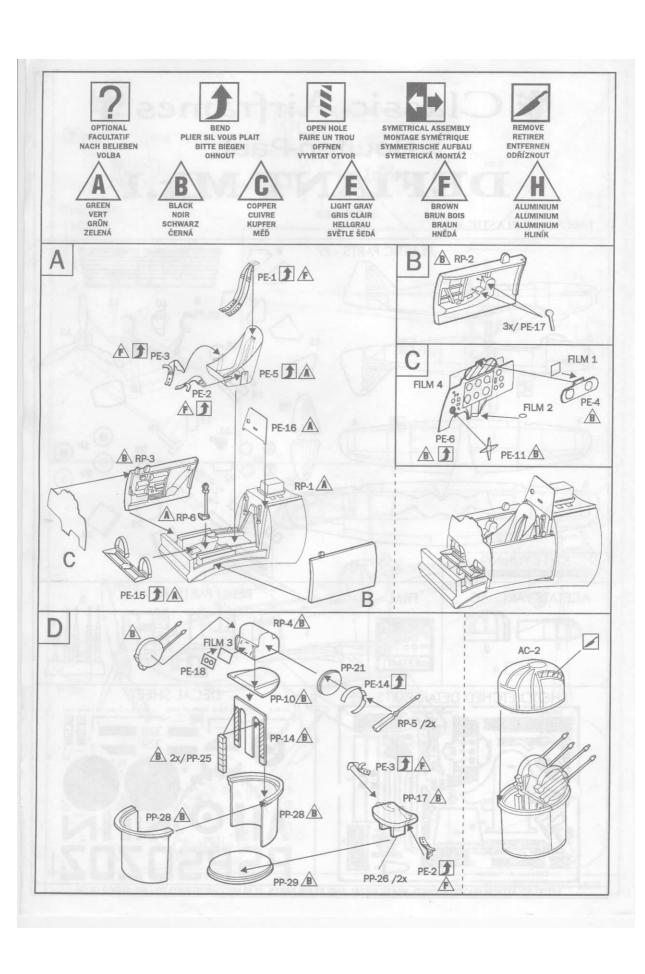
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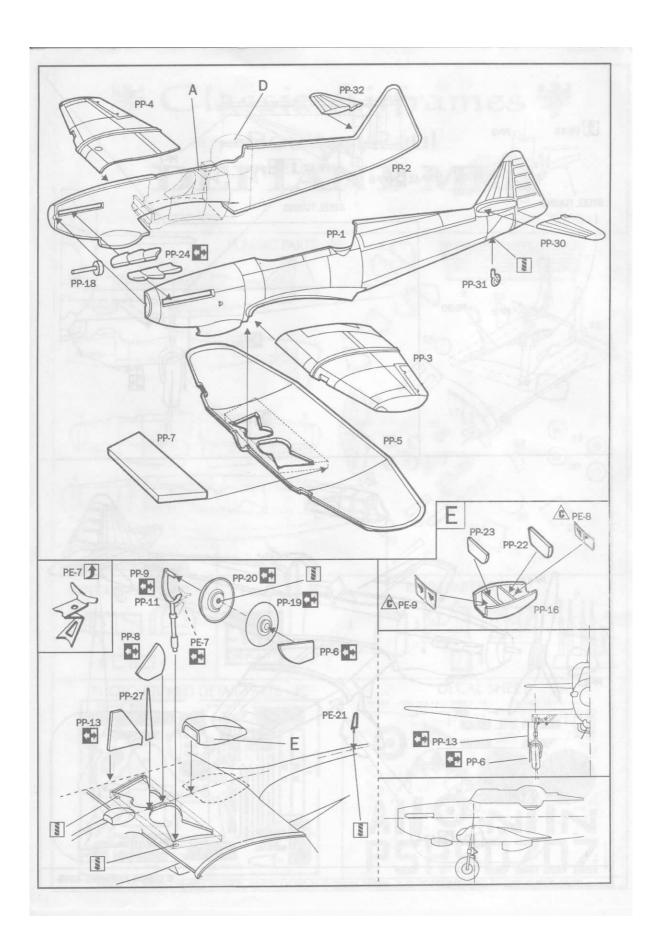


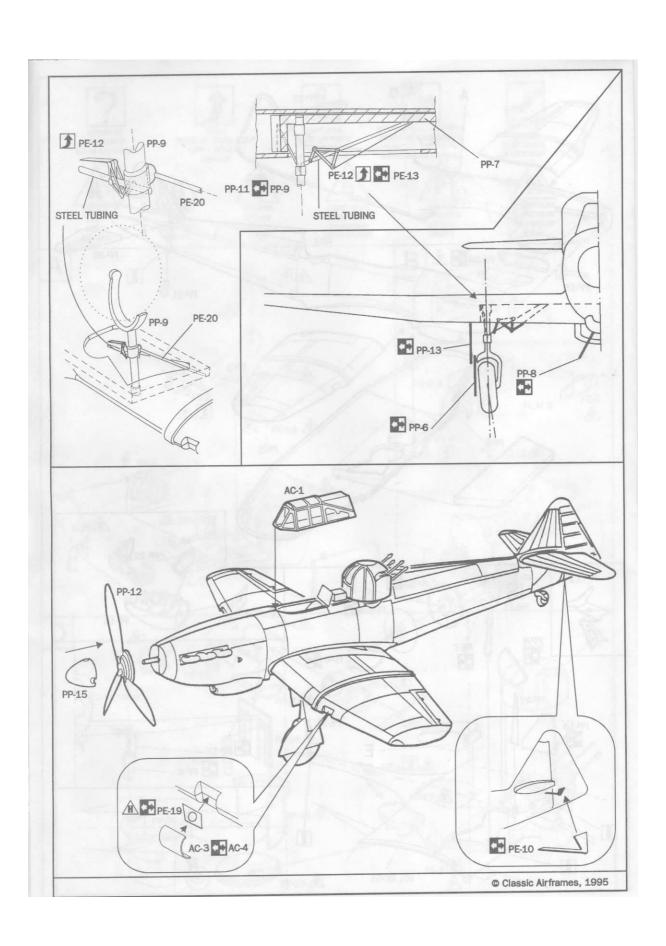
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BOULTON-PAUL DEFIANT

In 1935 the Air Ministry issued specifications outlining the requirements for a two-seat day and night fighter. The winner of this contract was Boulton-Paul Aircraft Ltd. The Defiant was born. It flew in mid-1937 when it also officially acquired its name.

It was to be until March 1940, that No. 264 Squadron became operational with the type. The unit quickly scored its first kill, a Ju-88, but when Bf-109's were encountered, Defiant losses mounted quickly. At times during the Dunkirk evacuation, good results were obtained, particularly when flying in mixed formations with Hurricanes, which it resembled in outline. The Luftwaffe however was not confused for very long.

In August 1940 the Defiant was withdrawn from daylight missions and employed primarily as a night fighter, in this role the Defiant fared much better and served well into 1942 until replaced by Beaufighters and Mosquitos.

The Defiant continued to serve in the air-sea rescue role and as a target tug right into the late war period.

Technical data:

Power Plant Armament one 1030 h.p. Rolls-Royce Merlin III

four 0.303 Browning machine guns in power operated turret

Max. speed

304 m.p.h. at 17000 ft.

Span Length Range

39' 4'' 35' 4'' 465 miles

