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United States Navy

Douglas AD-5/A-1E Skyraider

White 415: AD-5 Skyraider, BuNo 132444, of VA-35, USS Saratoga, 1962. Fuselage is overall Engine Gray with Light Gull Gray or dull natural metal engine cowl lip and wing leading edges, black-striped Fluorescent Red Orange vertical tail, Orange Yellow and Insignia White wings, Orange Yellow horizontal stabilizers. Wings have Fluorescent Red Orange bands (3/4" wide) and strips of Olive Drab 100 mph tape (duct tape). Three choices are provided for the black edging of the vertical fin; if one doesn't work for you, try a different one. Inboard pylons are Orange Yellow. Inboard pair of small pylons are Insignia White. The propeller blades are black, tips are Orange Yellow, and hub is Insignia Red. There does not appear to be Aeroprop logos on the propeller blades, though it is difficult to be certain. Propeller data stencils usually were applied to each propeller. Page 33 of Reference B has a color illustration of what we presume to be this aircraft, though it does have a slightly different BuNo (33444 instead of 32444). If this is indeed the case, the color illustration is incorrect. Reference A: page 6.

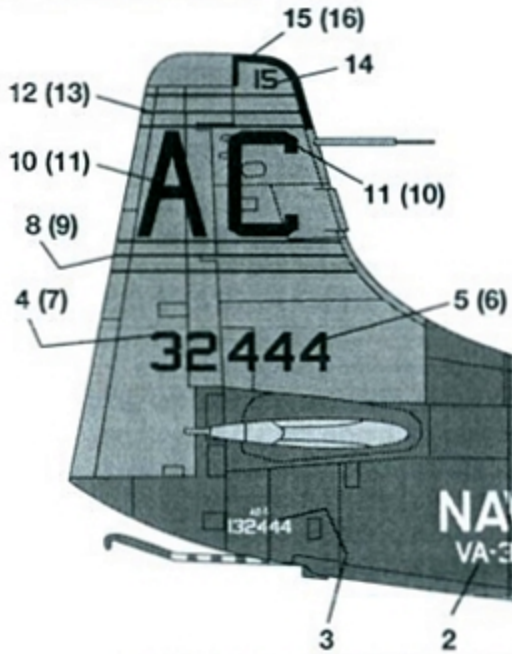
Engine Gray
FS 16081



Fluorescent
Red Orange
FS 28913



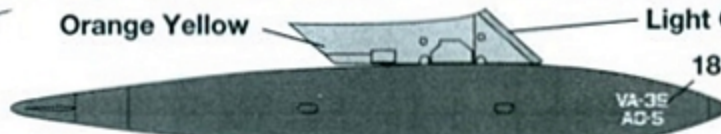
Orange Yellow
FS 13538



17: It is unknown if landing stripes were actually applied to this Skyraider. If so, they would probably have been positioned per 27 on White 815.

Orange Yellow

Light Gull Gray or dull natural metal leading edge



Light Gull Gray or dull natural metal

Black

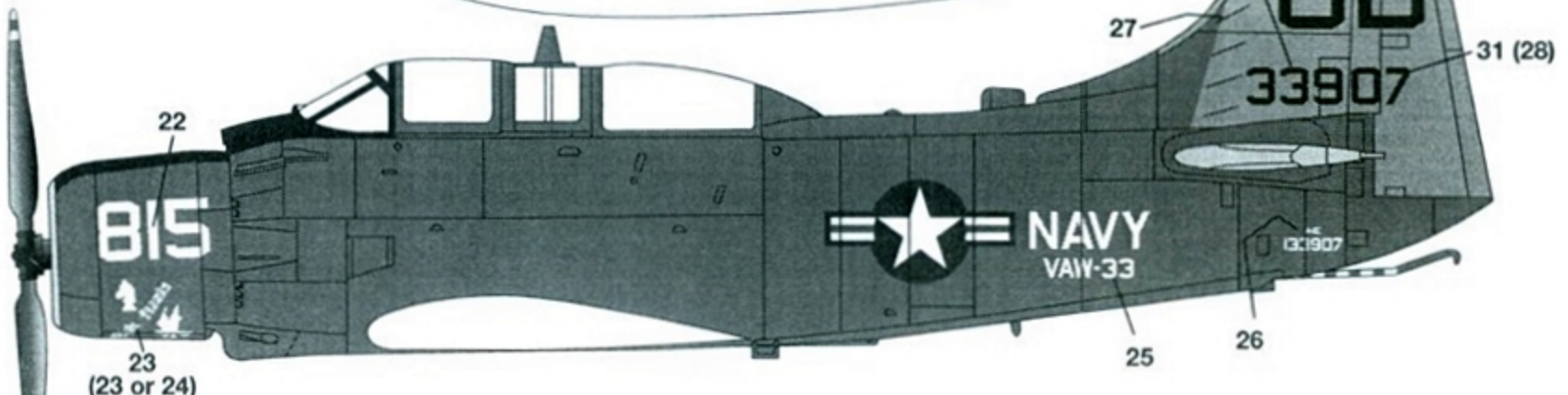
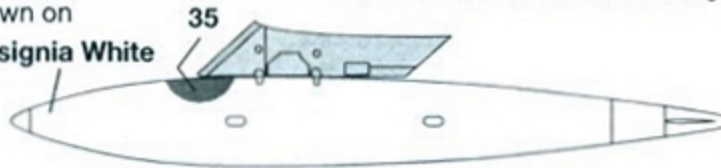
Insignia Red

Black propeller blades with Orange Yellow tips

The vertical fin leading edge air intake is not present on the Matchbox kit and should be added

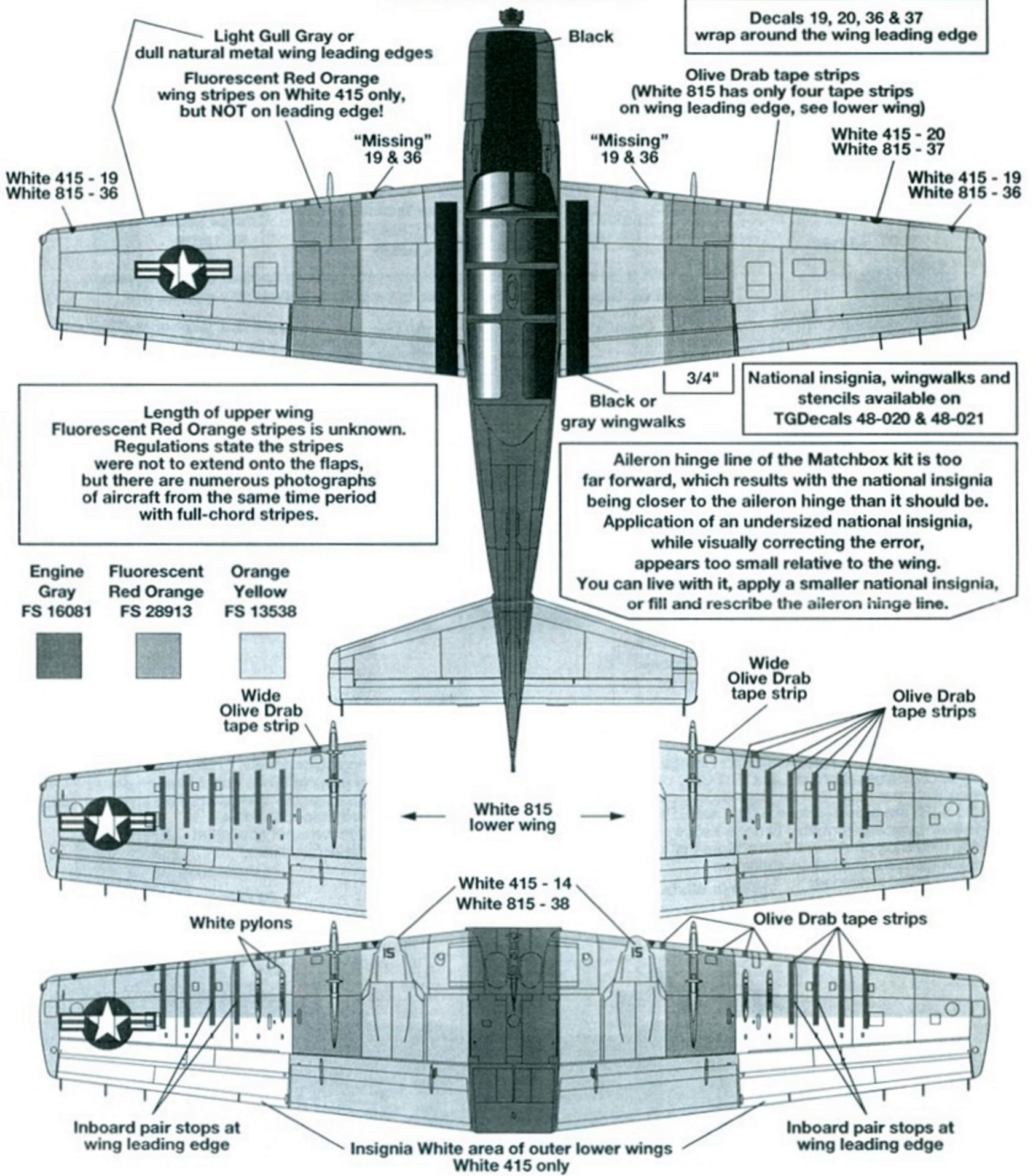
White 815: A-1E Skyraider, BuNo 133907, of VAW-33 "Night Hawks", USS Essex, 1963. This Skyraider is painted similarly to White 415, above but it does not have Fluorescent Red Orange wing stripes and Insignia White lower wing outer panels. Engine cowl lip is Orange Yellow (according to color illustration) or Light Gull Gray or dull natural metal and the droptanks are Insignia White rather than Engine Gray. Small outer pylons were not fitted, but an Engine Gray centerline ECM(?) pod was, when the reference photo was taken. Two styles of "Night Hawks" (23 & 24) are provided for the right side. Propellers blades are black with Insignia Red-striped Insignia White tips (rear face was probably Orange Yellow). The propeller hub is black. Aeroprop logos were not applied at the time the reference photo was taken. Note that our color callouts, which are based on official guidelines, do not match the color illustration shown on page 33 of the listed reference. Reference B: page 9.

Insignia White



Black propeller blades with Insignia White/Insignia Red/Insignia White tips

After this sheet was completed it was discovered that an additional pair of 19 & 36 were needed.
 If you are going to do only one Skyraider, use 19 & 36 on that one Skyraider.
 If you are going to do both Skyraiders, paint on the "missing 19 & 36" or cut them from black decal stock.
 Our apologies for the oversight.



Decals 19, 20, 36 & 37 wrap around the wing leading edge

Olive Drab tape strips (White 815 has only four tape strips on wing leading edge, see lower wing)

White 415 - 20 White 815 - 37

White 415 - 19 White 815 - 36

White 415 - 19 White 815 - 36

"Missing" 19 & 36

"Missing" 19 & 36

Length of upper wing Fluorescent Red Orange stripes is unknown. Regulations state the stripes were not to extend onto the flaps, but there are numerous photographs of aircraft from the same time period with full-chord stripes.

3/4" National insignia, wingwalks and stencils available on TGDecals 48-020 & 48-021

Aileron hinge line of the Matchbox kit is too far forward, which results with the national insignia being closer to the aileron hinge than it should be. Application of an undersized national insignia, while visually correcting the error, appears too small relative to the wing. You can live with it, apply a smaller national insignia, or fill and rescribe the aileron hinge line.

- Engine Gray FS 16081
- Fluorescent Red Orange FS 28913
- Orange Yellow FS 13538

Wide Olive Drab tape strip

Wide Olive Drab tape strip

Olive Drab tape strips

White 815 lower wing

White 415 - 14 White 815 - 38

Olive Drab tape strips

White pylons

Inboard pair stops at wing leading edge

Insignia White area of outer lower wings White 415 only

Inboard pair stops at wing leading edge

SUGGESTED KIT
MATCHBOX AD-5 Skyraider

A	REFERENCES	B
Douglas A-1 Skyraider	USN Aircraft Carrier Air Units	
FAOW #6:	Volume 2, 1957-1963:	
1987	Duane A. Kasulka, 1985	