

# MARINE SKYHAWKS in VIET NAM

## A-4E CAS and TA-4F FAC



### VMA-121 Green Knights



Green Knight 10 A-4E BuNo.150092 Chu Lai, RVN 1968



### VMA-311 Tomcats



Tomcat 15 A-4E BuNo.151046 Chu Lai, RVN 1968



### VMA-211 Wake Island Avengers



Avenger 00 A-4E BuNo.151052 Chu Lai, RVN 1969



### VMA-223 Bulldogs



Bulldog 1 A-4E BuNo.151186 Chu Lai, RVN 1969

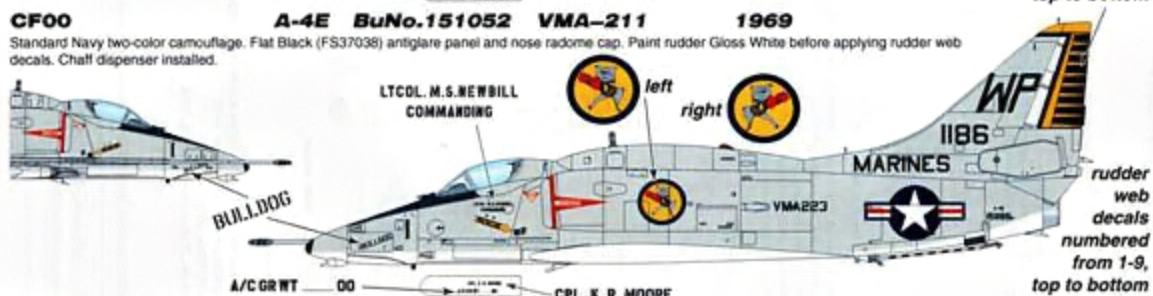
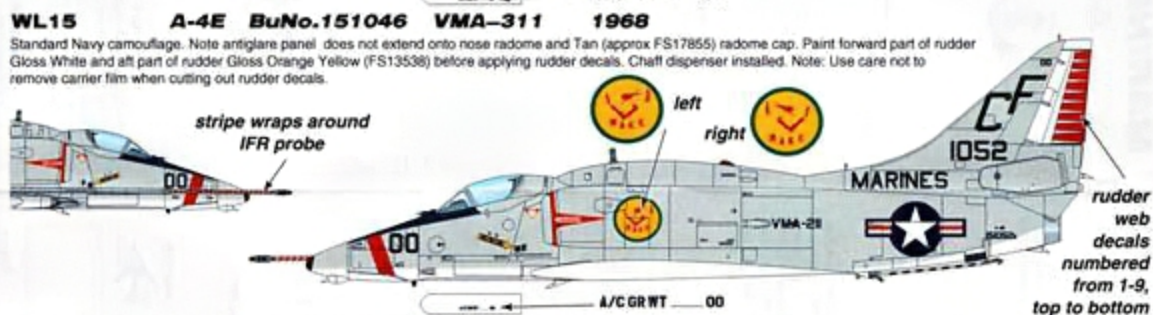
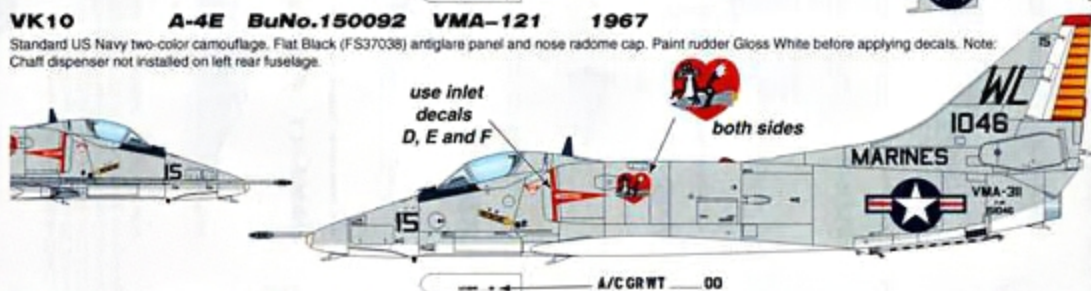
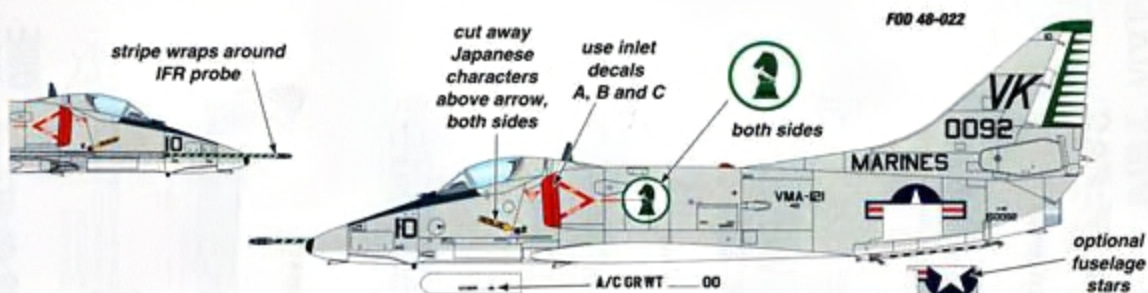


### H&MS-11 Playboys



Playboy 2 TA-4F BuNo.154309 Da Nang, RVN 1971

This decal contains markings for five different McDonnell-Douglas A-4 Skyhawks flown by USMC squadrons in Viet Nam. Four of the squadrons represented flew single seat variants of the Scooter most often in the traditional Corps mission of providing close air support to troops on the ground. In addition they also employed the TA-4F as an armed forward air controller and a set of markings has been provided for a two-seater of H&MS-11. Enough insignia is included for two aircraft.





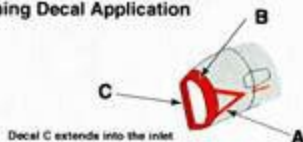
# For the Hasegawa 1:48 Scale A-4E/F Skyhawk Kit

## Chu Lai Rum Runner Pod



This was a standard fuel tank converted for use as a travel pod or container for various squadron items when deploying to other bases. No doubt it was also used for booze runs to the big PX in Saigon. The pod was made by VMA-311 personnel but was apparently used by all the units based at Chu Lai as photos also show it on VMA-121 and VMA-223 Scooters.

## Inlet Warning Decal Application



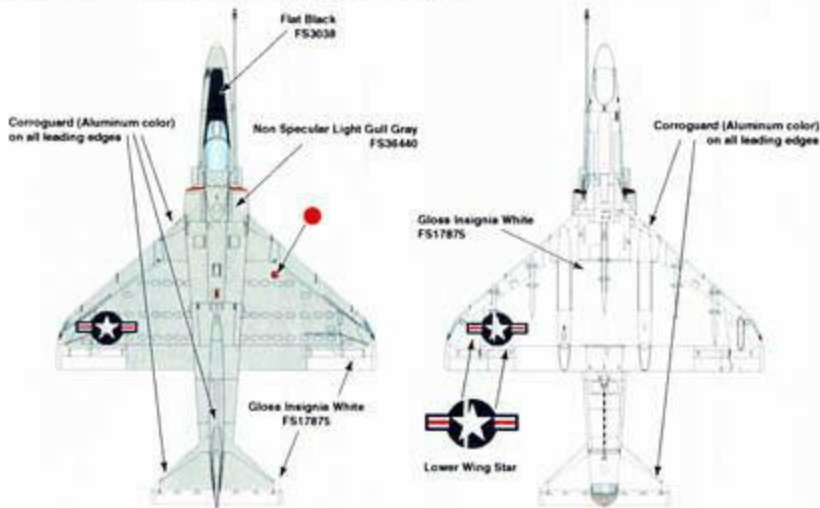
Decal C extends into the inlet



Decal F fits inside the inlet

## Paint Scheme Notes

The standard US Navy camouflage scheme used for its tactical aircraft from the mid-1950s through the late 1970s used Non-Specular (matt) Light Gull Gray (FS36440) on all upper surfaces and Gloss Insignia White (FS17875) on all undersurfaces and on all control surfaces (i.e. ailerons, rudders, and elevators), landing gear, and engine air inlet ducts. The insides of wing leading edge slats, flaps and speed brakes as well as the edges of the speed brake and landing gear doors were painted Gloss Insignia Red (FS11136). The leading edges of wings and all tail surfaces had an aluminum colored anti-corrosive finish, Corroguard, applied. The A-4E and F models had Flat Black (FS37038) antiglare panels. Radomes were generally black but occasionally Light Gull Gray or a tan, approximately FS17855.



**Standard A-4 Markings Plan Views**

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