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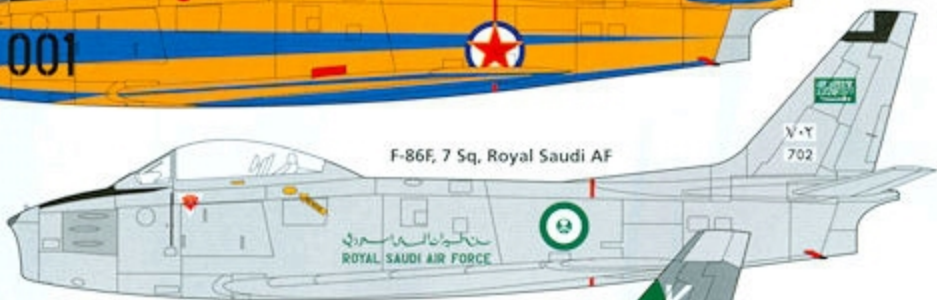
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F-86Fs & Sabres

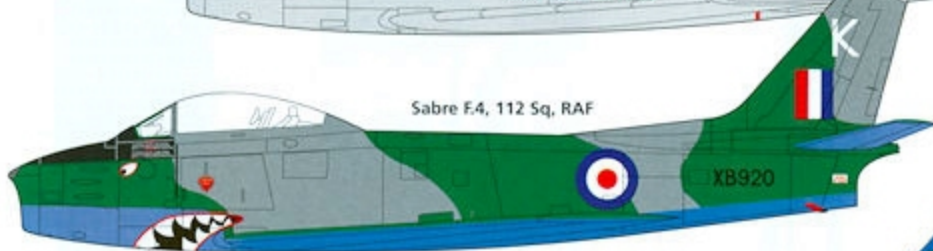
#1: Foreign & USAF aircraft
(no natural metal schemes!)



Sabre Mk. 4, Yugoslav AF Akro-Gruppu



F-86F, 7 Sq, Royal Saudi AF



Sabre F.4, 112 Sq, RAF



F-86F, Esquadra 201, Portuguese AF



F-86F, 461 FDS/36 FDG

Recommended kits:

1/48: Hasegawa F-86F-30 and F-86F-40

1/72: Hobbycraft and Fujimi

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Sabre Mk. 4

Akro-Gruppu JRV (Yugoslav AF Aerobatic Team)
Batanjica, Yugoslavia
1960 Show Season

FS 13655
FS 15193

6-3 hard wing fitted



F-86F-40-NA

7 Squadron, Royal Saudi Air Force
Dhahran Air Base, Saudi Arabia
1970



Overall light gray, FS 16473 (very faded)

Sabre F.4

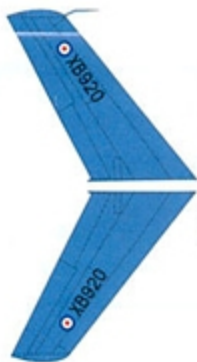
112 Squadron, Royal Air Force
RAF Bruggen, West Germany
1956



Standard NATO camouflage scheme with closely feathered edge between the gray and green, and a hard edge between the PRU blue and topside colors

6-3 hard wing fitted

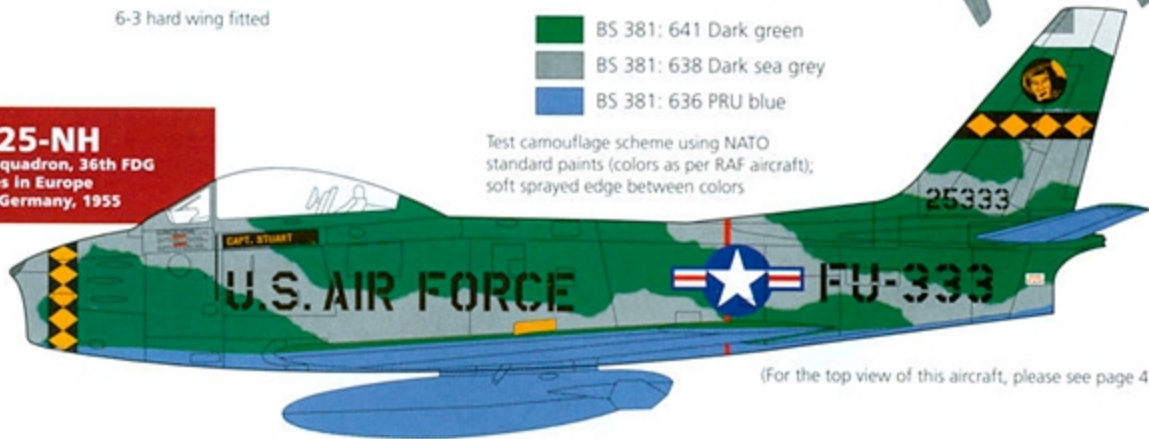
RAF wing undersides layout showing serial number positions



BS 381: 641 Dark green
BS 381: 638 Dark sea grey
BS 381: 636 PRU blue

F-86F-25-NH

461st Fighter Day Squadron, 36th FDG
US Air Forces In Europe
Hahn AB, West Germany, 1955



Test camouflage scheme using NATO standard paints (colors as per RAF aircraft); soft sprayed edge between colors

(For the top view of this aircraft, please see page 4)

F-86F-40-NA

Esquadra 201, Grupo Operacional 51
BA 5 (Monte Real AB), Portugal
1979



Jet is overall light gray FS 16473; however, these decals can also be used on the earlier natural metal scheme

FS 15102
FS 16495

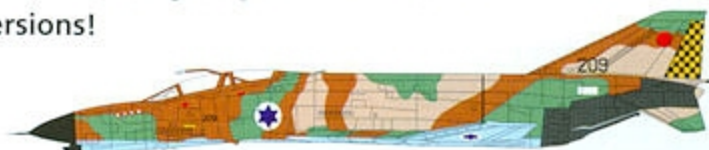


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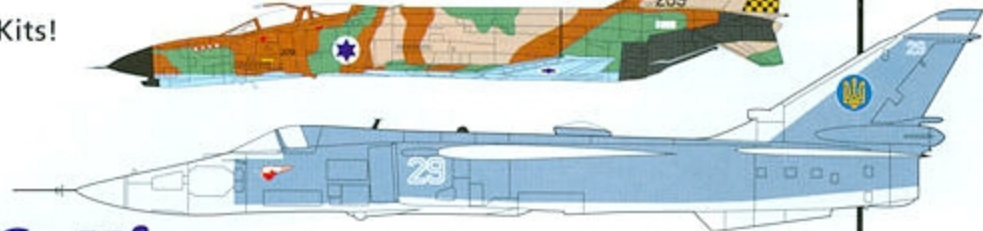
Decals!



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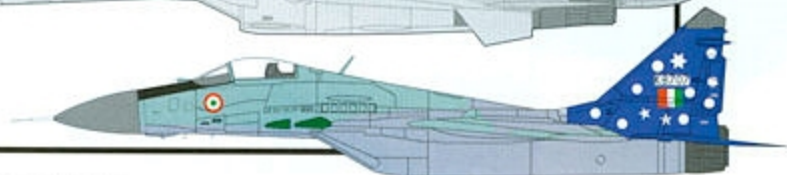
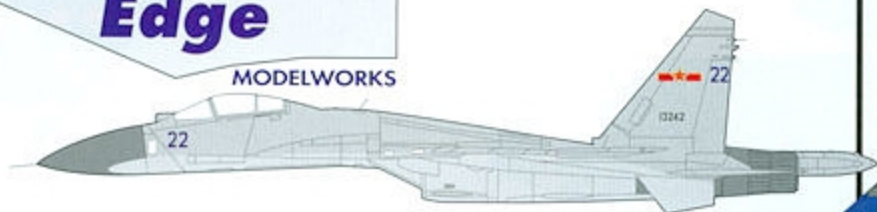


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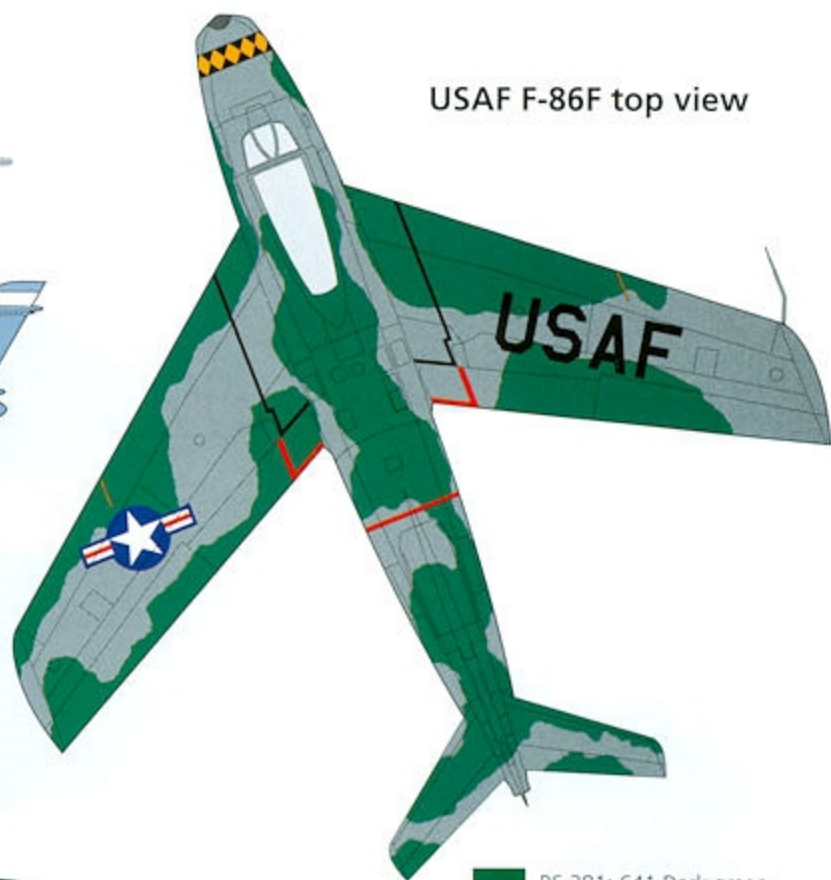





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USAF F-86F top view



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- In general, the Hasegawa F-86F kits are gorgeous and will require only minimal corrections and possibly the addition of an aftermarket cockpit.
- Decal set CED48028 from **Cutting Edge Modelworks** contains a full set of accurate stenciling for the Sabre, along with accurate Korean War identification stripes.

• F-86F-25/30/35

- These variants can be built directly from the Hasegawa F-86F-30 box, except as follows:

— The air intakes on the fuselage at the wing trailing edge. On the kit they face the tail (e.g., they're exhausts) while they should open towards the nose (e.g., they are actually small auxiliary intakes). This will be fairly tough to fix and probably wouldn't be worth the effort except to the most fastidious modelers.

— The air scoop on the fuselage in front of the right side air brake must be removed (only the F-86F-40 has this scoop).

• Sabre CL-13 Mk. 4 (RAF Sabre F.4)

- The Mk. 4 was essentially a F-86E-10, but nearly all were retrofitted with the "6-3 hard wing" (as depicted in the Hasegawa F-86F-30 kit), which brought them essentially to F-86F-30 configuration. All the Canadair jets on this sheet used the 6-3 hard wing.

- Except for the Norwegian F-86F, all were equipped with the standard North American F-86 ejection seat.

Notes on Specific Aircraft

Saudi

This finish on this aircraft was *extremely* faded on active service, to the point where it is possible the original finish was natural metal! If so, the aluminum was oxidized to the point where it was definitely gray in color, and we recommend using a bleached out variant of FS 16473 as the base color for the finish.

RAF

- There has been considerable discussion over the years as to whether the sharkmouth had a red or black interior. Dick Ward has stated conclusively that it was black, and we accept his research.
- The standard NATO dark green and dark gray colors on the upper surfaces were separated by a tightly feathered edge, while the PRU blue undersurfaces were separated with a masked, hard edge.

USAF

In 1955 the US Air Forces in Europe experimented for a short time with camouflage. This aircraft from the 461st Fighter Day Squadron was painted with NATO standard aircraft camouflage colors during the experiment—one wonders just how effective the clever yellow/black disruptive stripes on the nose and tail were!

Portugal

The light gray finish of this jet was well weathered, and considerable brown staining covered the fuselage sides from the cockpit back to about the roundel.

FS 595 Color Cross References:

(taken from the *IPMS Color Cross-Reference Guide*—used with permission)

FS 13655 Xtracolor X108, Tamiya X08 & XF03, Floquil Classic Military 303078

FS 15102 Floquil Classic Military 303046, Poly Scale 505216

FS 15193	Gunze Sangyo H045
FS 16473	Xtracolor X138, Gunze Sangyo H062, Modelmaster 1731, Tamiya XF66, Floquil Classic Military 303095, Pro Modeler 88-042
FS 16495	Xtracolor X139, Gunze Sangyo H338, Modelmaster 1732, Floquil Classic Military 303226, Poly Scale 505801
BS 381:641	[FS 34079] Xtracolor X001, Gunze Sangyo H330, Floquil Classic Military 303143
BS 381:638	[FS 36173] Xtracolor X004, Gunze Sangyo H331 & H053
BS 381:636	[FS 35189] Xtracolor X008, Floquil Classic Military 303162

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Applying the Decals

You probably already know all this stuff, so feel free to use your regular process...however, if you're new to aftermarket decals, here goes:

- Generally, use the Microscale Finishing System. We don't recommend extremely strong decal solvents such as Solvaset.
- Your model must have a smooth, glossy surface, as decals won't adhere well to matte surfaces. Use gloss paints or your favorite clear gloss overspray over matte or semigloss paint.
- Cut each subject out *without* trimming off the slight excess film (this helps the decal film disappear when dry).
- Put the decal in warm water that has a drop or two of liquid dishwashing soap or photo-flo for 10 seconds.
- When the decal will slide off the backing paper without forcing it, apply it to the proper position on your model. Slide the backing paper out from underneath.
- Gently blot off excess water and smooth out bubbles under the decal surface. If you wish, carefully brush on a mild decal softener such as Micro-Sol.
- When all decals are completely dry, gently wash off all excess decal adhesive.
- Finally, overcoat your model with a good quality gloss coat, followed by your choice of matte or eggshell clear topcoat.

Credit where it's due...

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