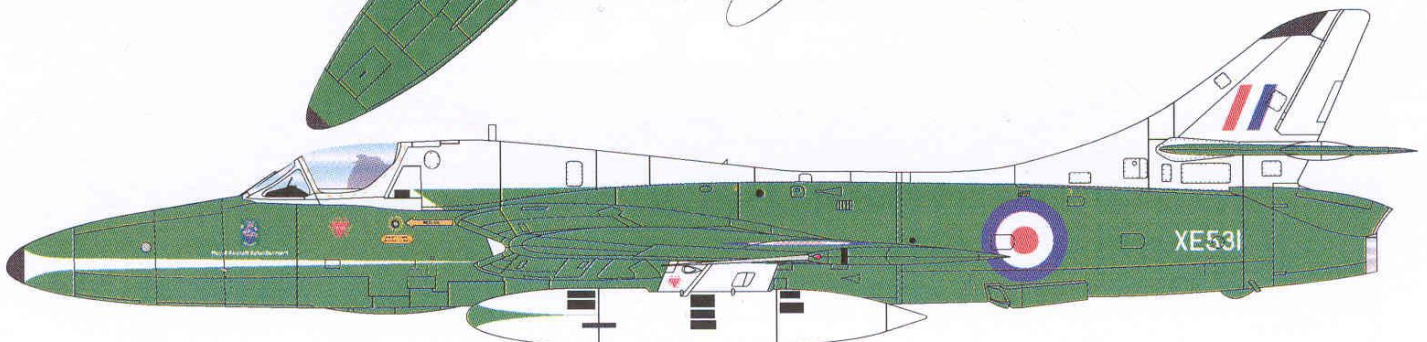
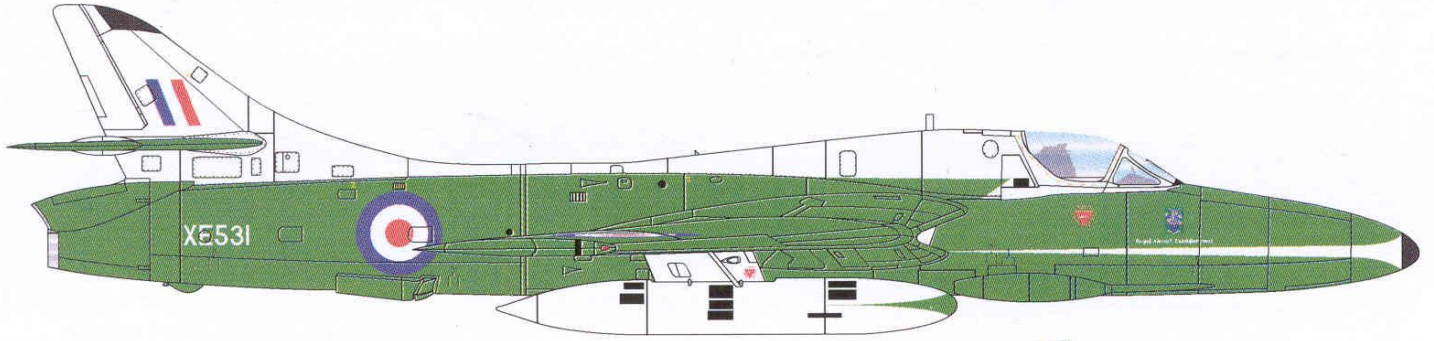


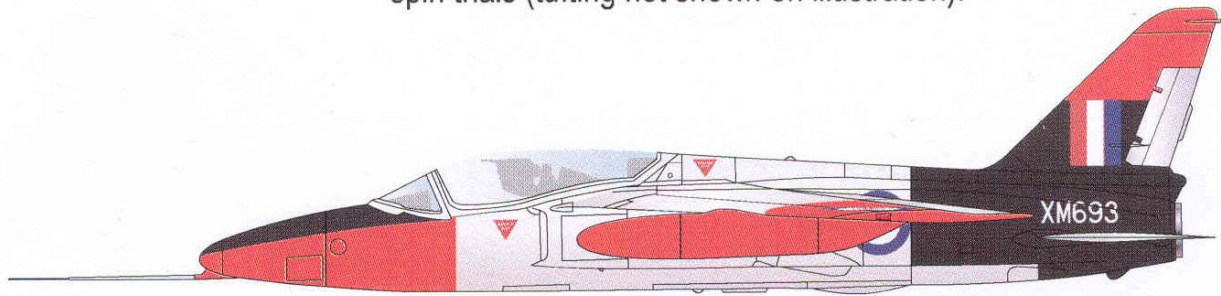
Hawker Hunter T.Mk.12 XE531, RAE Farnborough, 1976
Gloss Emerald Green with Gloss white spine and fin



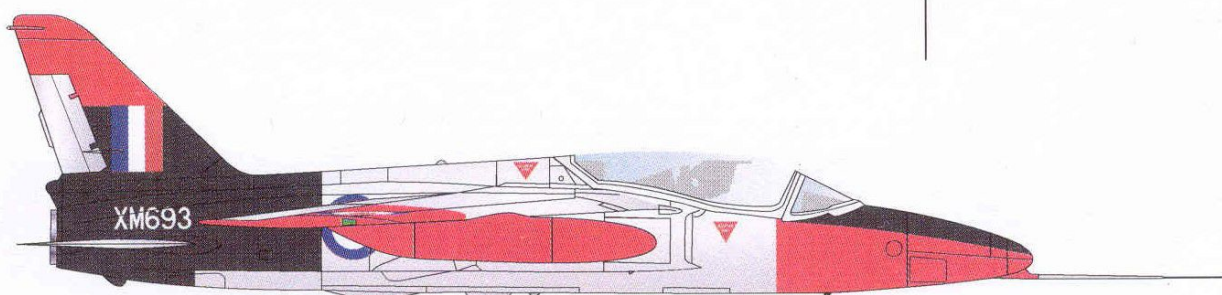
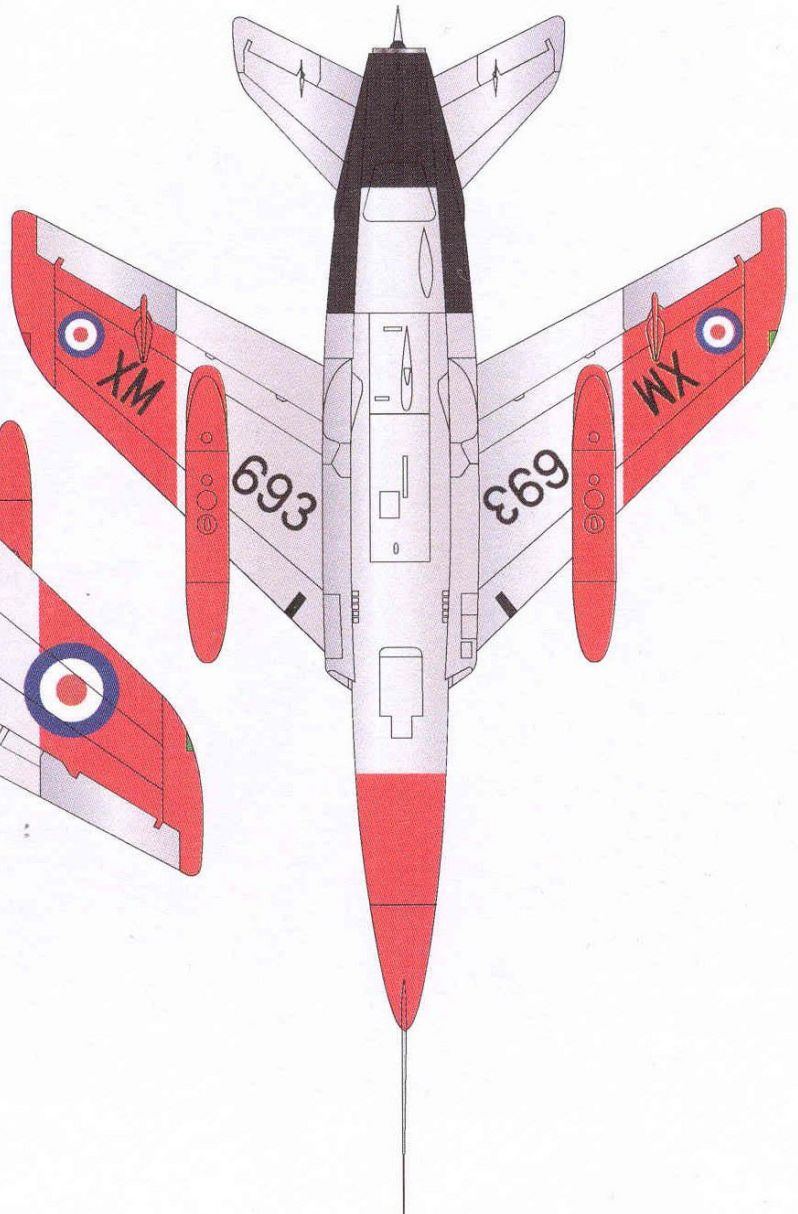
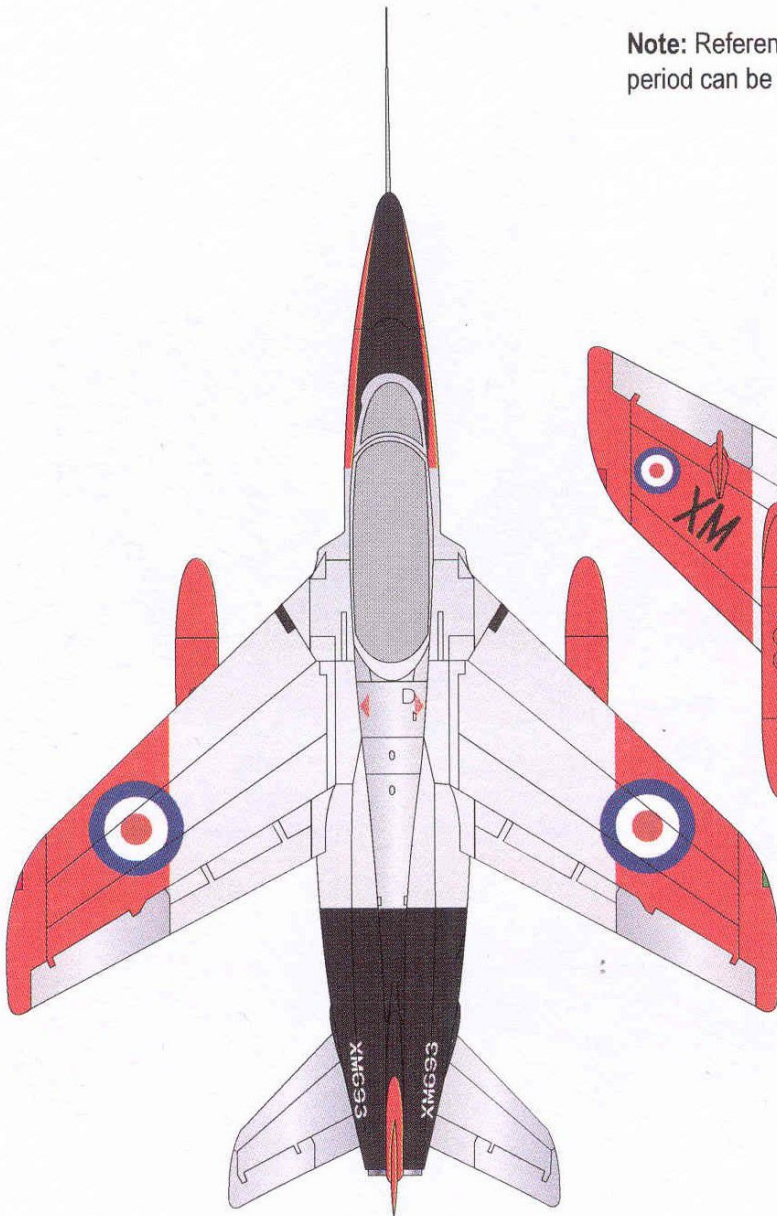
Folland Gnat T.Mk.1 3rd prototype XM693, Dunsfold, 1963.

Overall High Speed Silver with Fluorescent Red/Orange.

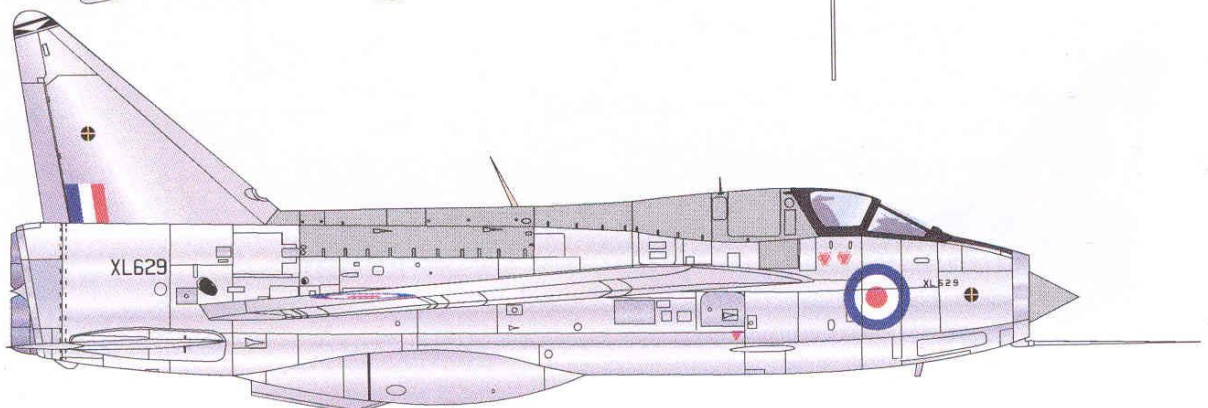
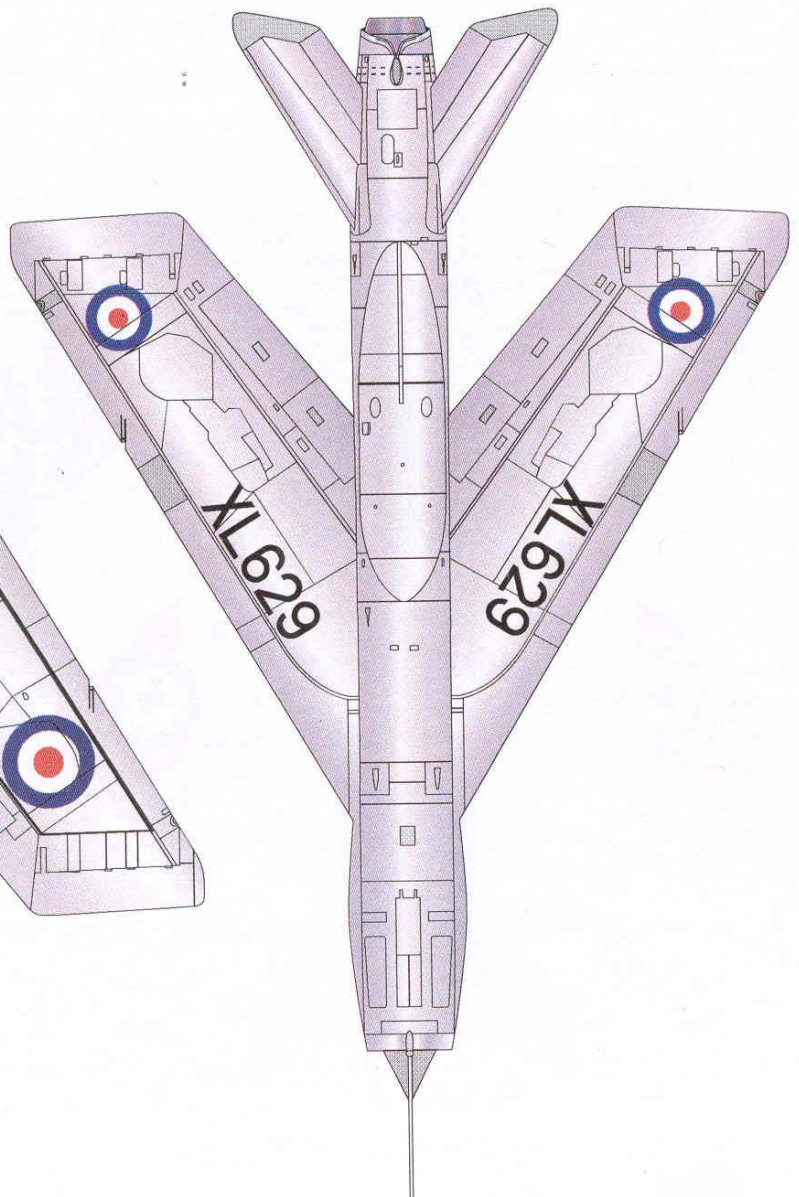
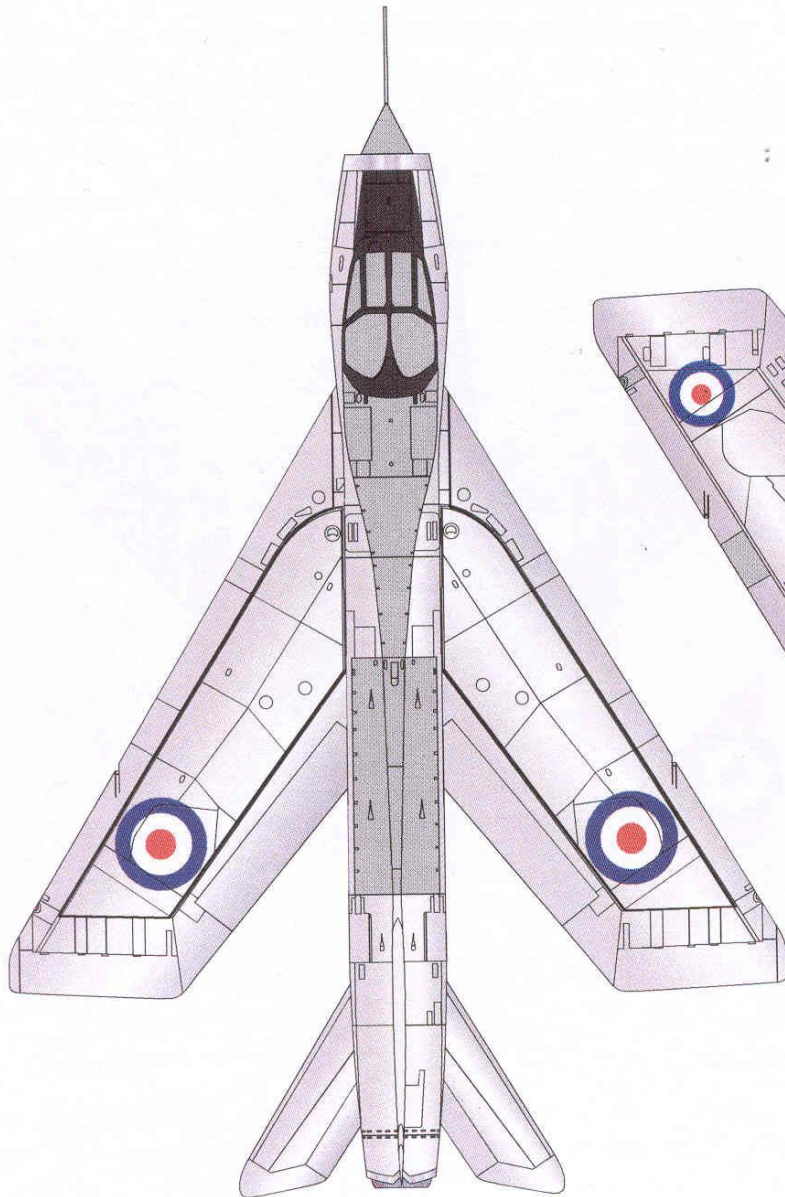
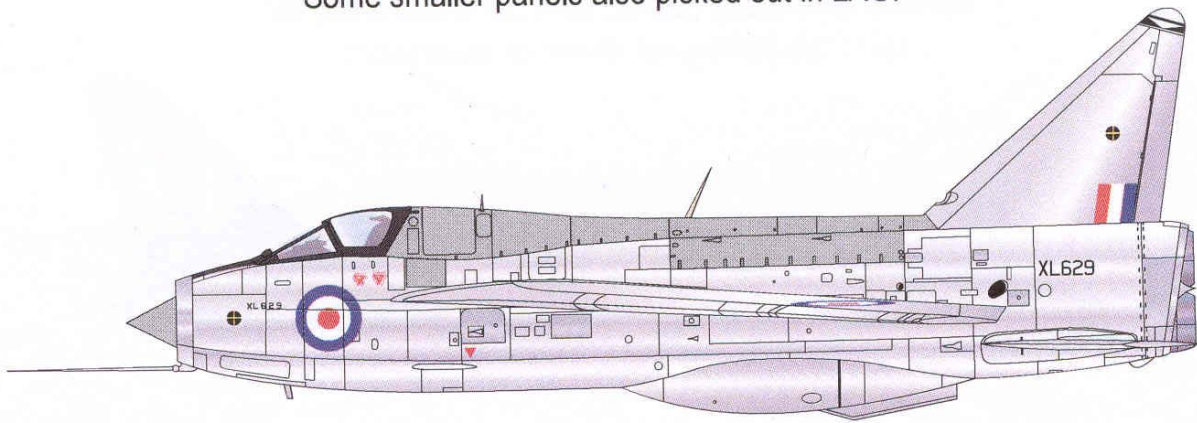
Tail area temporarily painted Matt Black and tufted for spin trials (tufting not shown on illustration).



Note: Reference photographs of XM693 during this period can be found at <https://dunsfoldairfield.org/gnat/>



EE Lightning P.11 (T.4) XL629, ETPS, A&AEE Boscombe Down, 1972
Natural Metal Gloss Light Aircraft Grey spine and engine cover.
Some smaller panels also picked out in LAG.

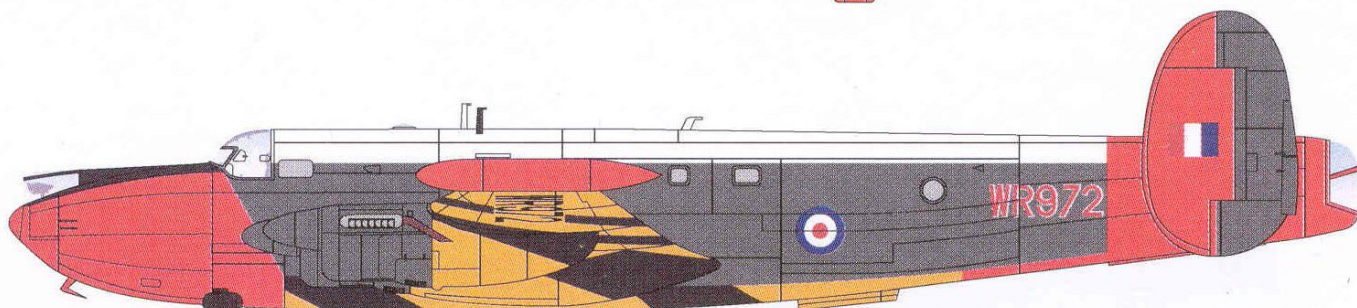
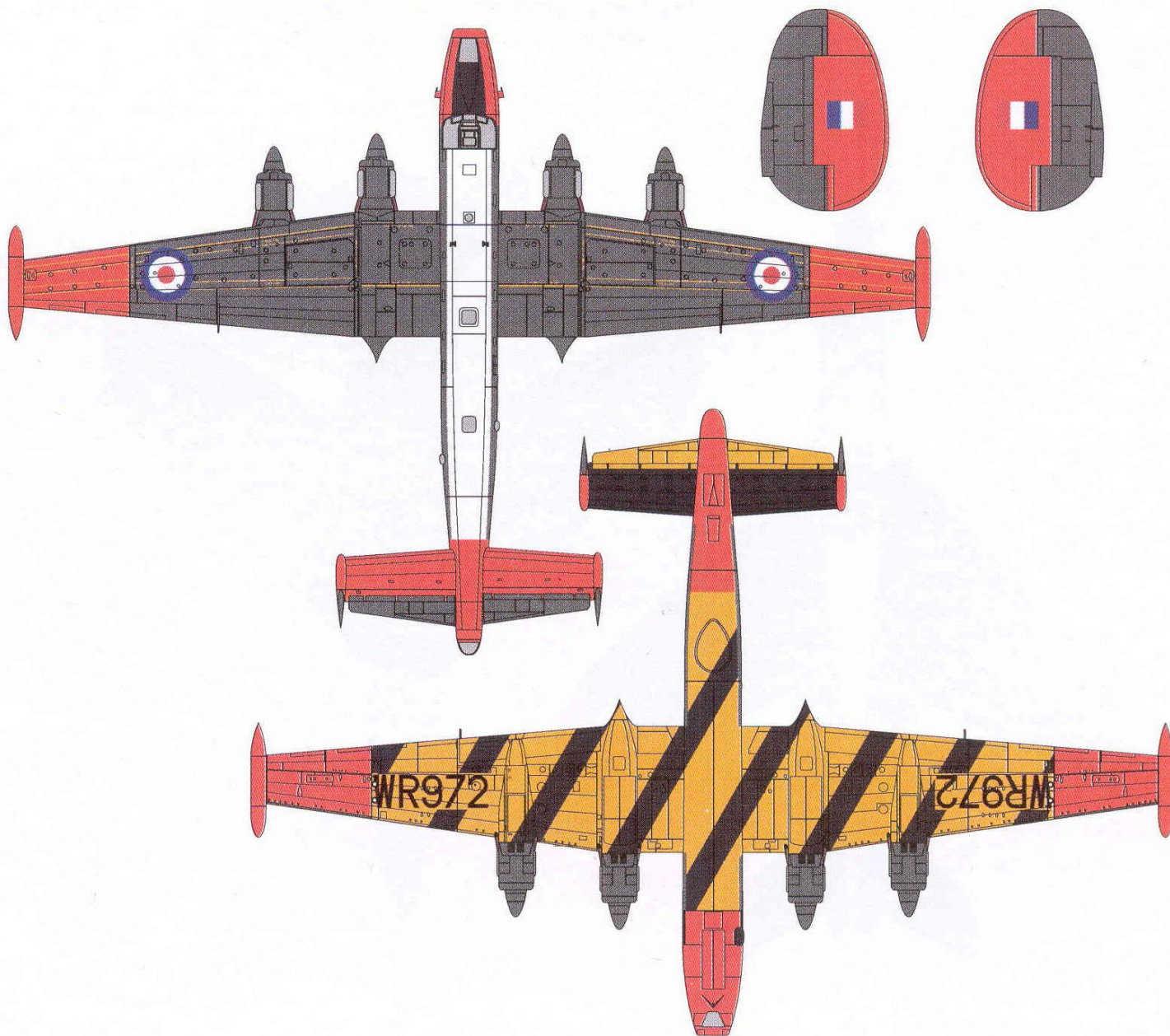
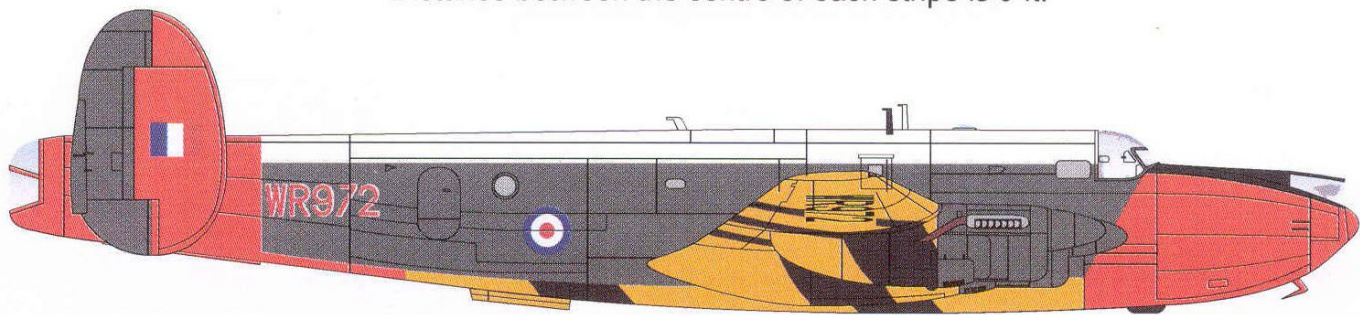


Avro Shackleton MR.3 WR972, RAE Farnborough, 1961

Dark Sea Grey/White, Flourescent Red/Orange areas.

Underside Trainer Yellow with 3 ft wide black stripes.

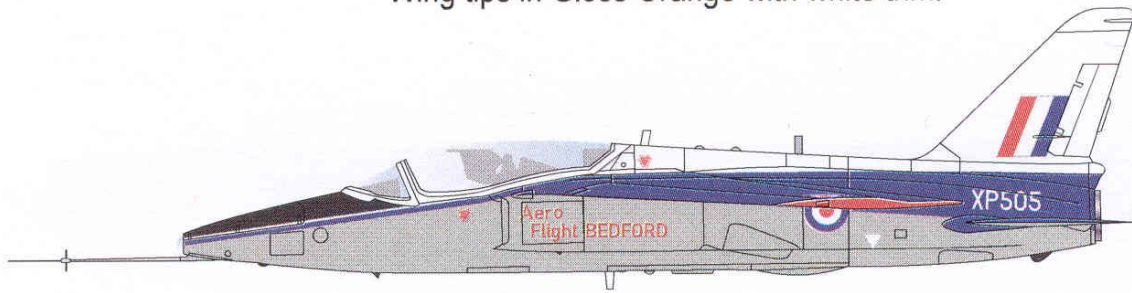
Distance between the centre of each stripe is 9 ft.



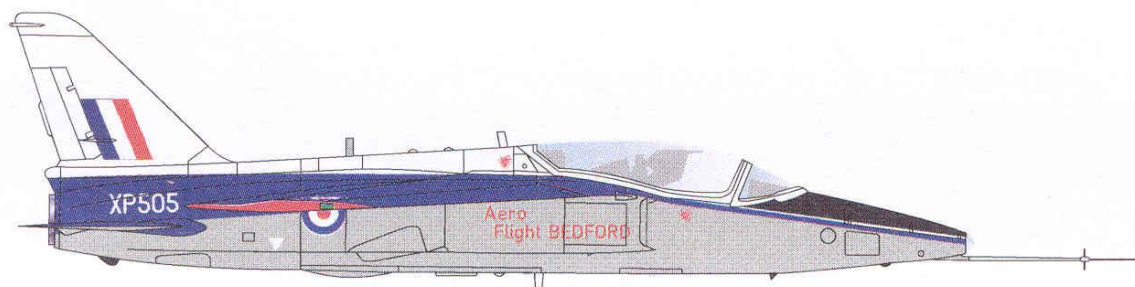
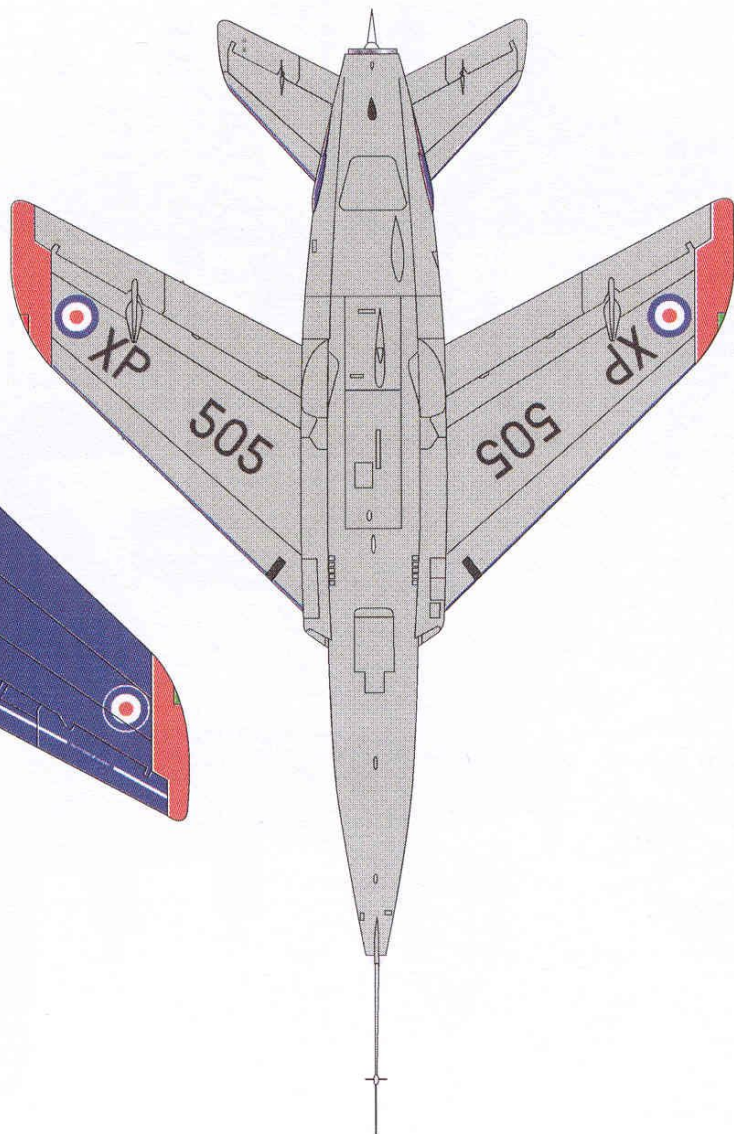
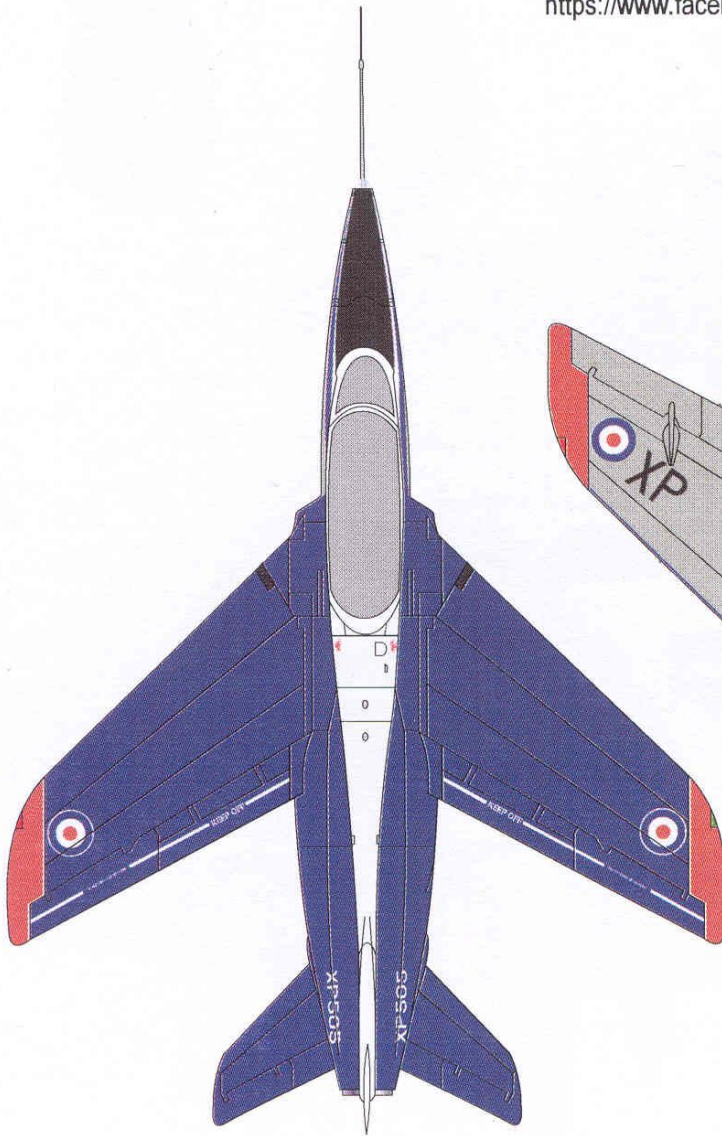
HS Gnat T.Mk.1 XP505, RAE Bedford, early 1970s.

Overall Gloss Light Aircraft Grey, with Roundel Blue upper wings and fuselage. Gloss white spine and fin.

Wing tips in Gloss Orange with white trim.

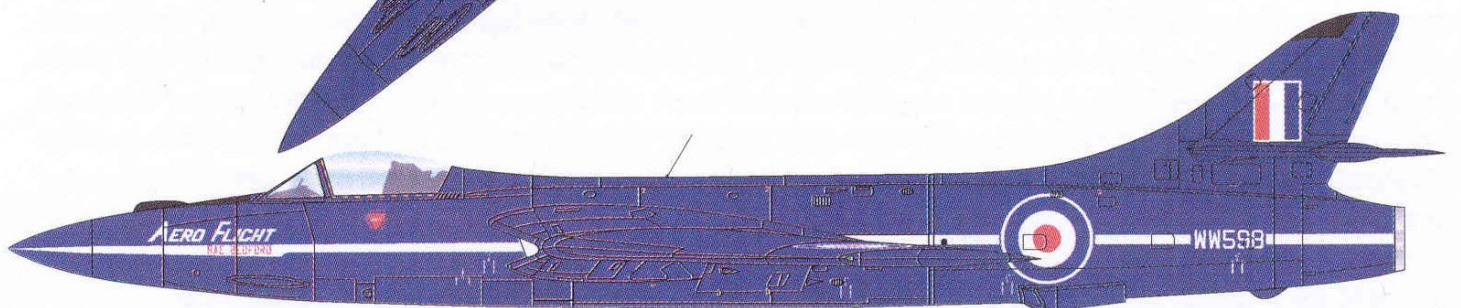
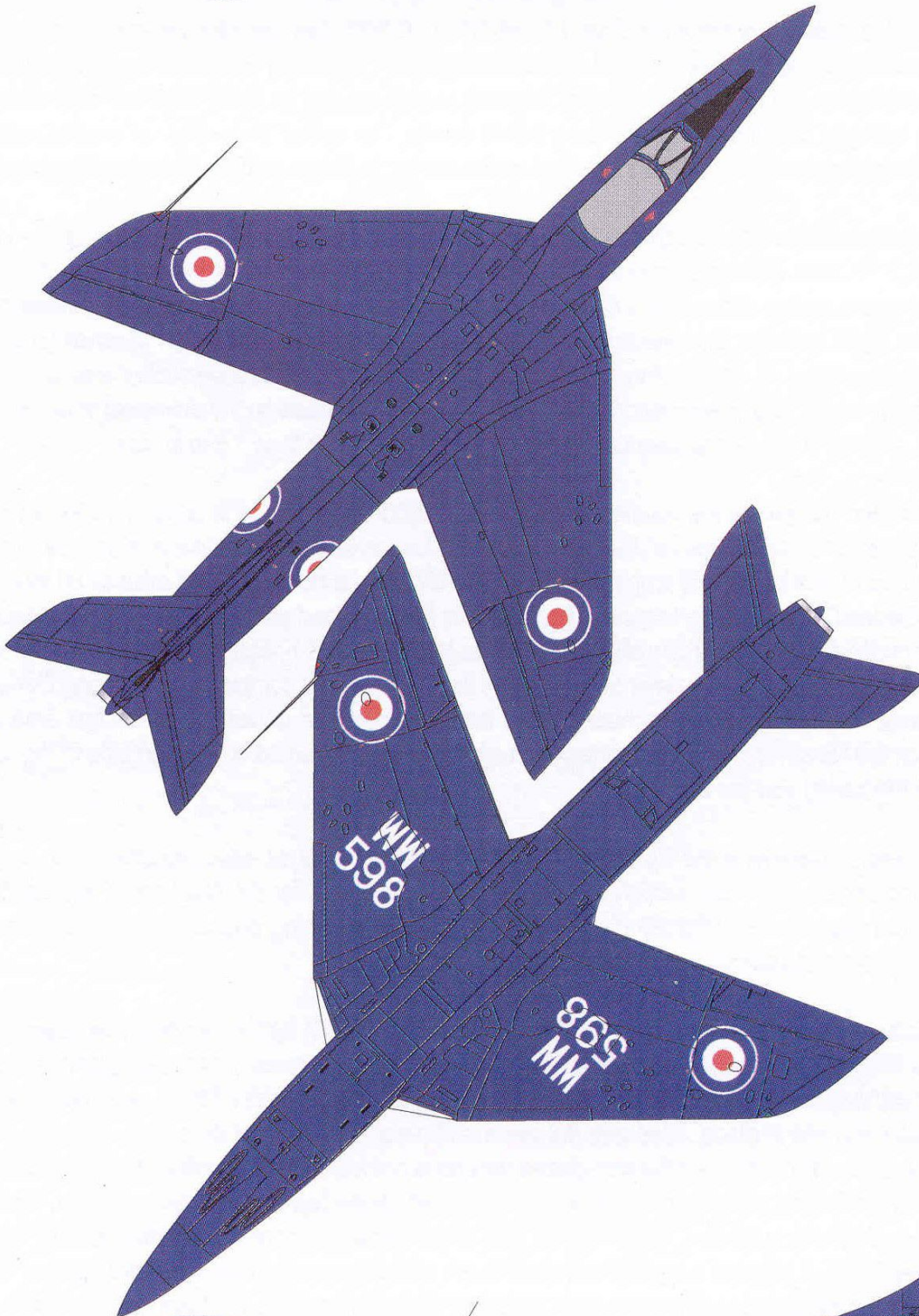
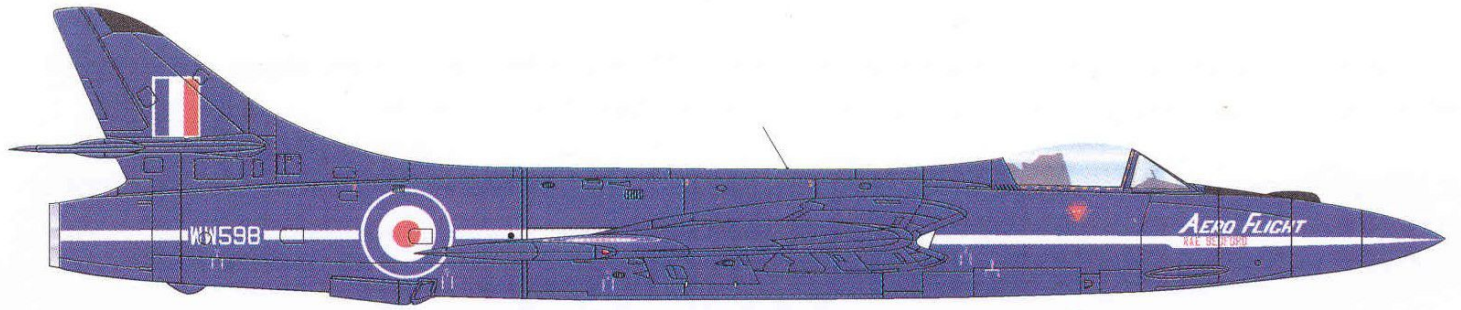


Note: Reference photographs of XP505 can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Wainwright57/photos>



Hawker Hunter F.Mk.6 (P.1109A) WW598, RAE Bedford, early 1960s

Overall Gloss Roundel Blue with Gloss white cheatline



Construction notes

This decal sheet provides six options, all of which require some modification to base kits. For the majority only roundels, codes and specific trials markings are provided. Stencilling should be obtained from kit decals.

Gnat XP505 - Recommended base kit is the Airfix Gnat T.1 (A02105). This option is largely as standard, although at some point the rear cockpit was not occupied by a seat, instead electrical boxes were installed. Otherwise this kit can be built straight from the box. Use kit stencils for ejection seat warning triangles etc.

Gnat XM693 - Recommended base kit is the Airfix Gnat T.1 (A02105). XM693 was the third prototype Gnat and had a non-standard shorter rounded nose, which was not fitted with a landing light. Freightdog produce a replacement resin item for this, alternatively you can round and fill the nose yourself referring to pictures online. XM693 carried minimal stencilling, just ejection seat warning triangles which should come from the kit decals. Our option shows the tail section painted matt black. Yarn tufting was attached over the black area's. Images of this can be found on website <https://dunsfoldairfield.org/gnat/>

Lightning XL629 - Recommended base kit is the Sword T.4/5 (SW72118). Stencilling should come from the base kit. XL629 was the second prototype P.11, later developed into the T.4. It has some features found on the P.1B, including no cable ducting running down the lower fuselage sides, and a metal shock cone, presumably no radar was fitted. Available pictures show no Firestreak missiles fitted, however the missile stub wings were carried, but without a pylon attached (not illustrated in decal placement guide). Also noted on some reference pictures, a very small dayglo orange sticker was carried high on the port side of the vertical fin, which might be a cartoon pig? This may also have been on the starboard side. We have not included this on the decal sheet, it could be represented by a small dot of paint, less than 1 mm in size.

Hunter XE531 - Recommended base kit is the Xtrakit T.7 (XK72013). XE531 was unique in being converted to two seat configuration from an F.6(A) airframe, rather than an F.4 like all other production trainers. Because of this it had a larger bore tailpipe, and also often carried FGA.9 large wing drop tanks. Conveniently Special Hobby made a mistake on tooling this kit for Xtrakit, and already included the larger style tailpipe. XE531 initially had a bulged panel in the upper nose section, and a camera port on the underside while doing TSR.2 trials work, this was later removed. Freightdog produce a T.12 conversion set with this nose. If you wish to model XE531 in later use this set is desirable but not completely necessary. Throughout its service the airframe retained its green and white scheme, but in later service more stencils to the cockpit area and drop tanks were added. Later on the Royal Aircraft Establishment text and badge were carried on the port side of the nose only, check your references for the period you are building.

Hunter WW598 - Recommended base kit is the Revell FGA.9 (03908). WW598 was an early production F.6, and was not fitted with dog tooth leading edges. The nose section was the aerodynamic shape for the AI.20 radar equipped P.1109B which could carry live Firestreak missiles. WW598 did not carry missiles. Freightdog produce a conversion set for the P.1109A which has been re-issued to coincide with this decal sheet.

Shackleton WR972 - Recommended base kit is the Revell MR.3 (03873). WR972 had a modified rear station that was detachable to allow at last two different tail sections to be carried. One of these (illustrated) has a clear glazed position. The alternative tail had a flat bulkhead with an opening door for brake parachute trials. The ASV Mk 13 radar was not installed, however the ventral position was still in place, fitted with flat panel and parachute door for drop trials. We may produce a conversion for this, however conversion work for the non-glazed version is not too difficult. The illustration depicts the target tug stripes as applied to Target Towing and parachute drop-testing aircraft. In the few pictures we could find, this does not seem to have been applied as per the guidance. Should we be able to get better photographs an amended four view will be drawn up. Later in its career WR972 adopted a high speed silver finish, still with orange nose, tail and wing tips, and target towing undersides, however the stripes appear to have been reapplied slightly differently. We have included black fuselage serials should you wish to build this easier scheme. It is not known what stencilling would have been carried on the upper wings in the later HSS finish.

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