



TOPGUN

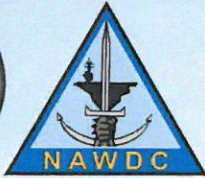
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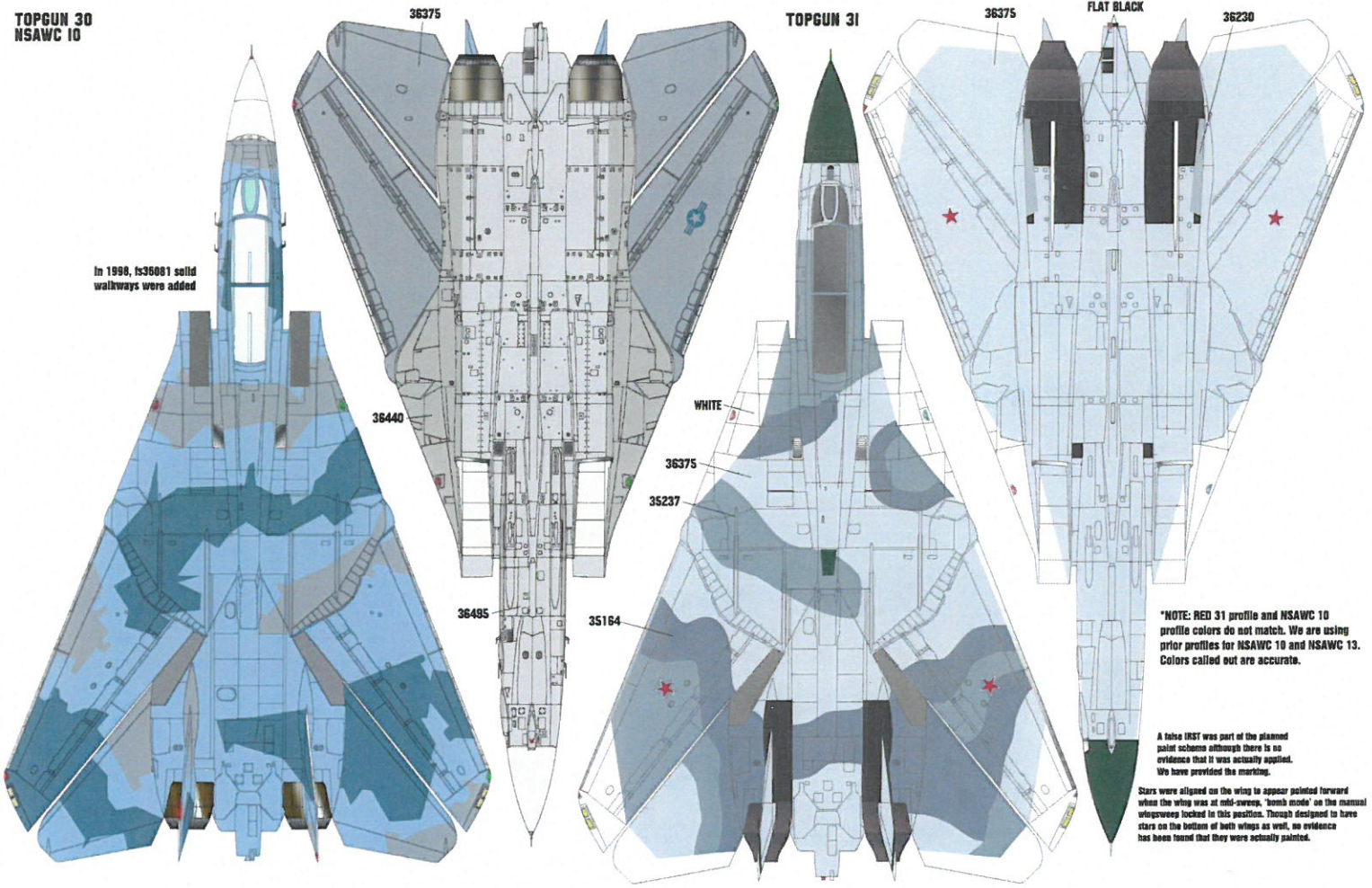
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**TOPGUN 30
NSAWC 10**



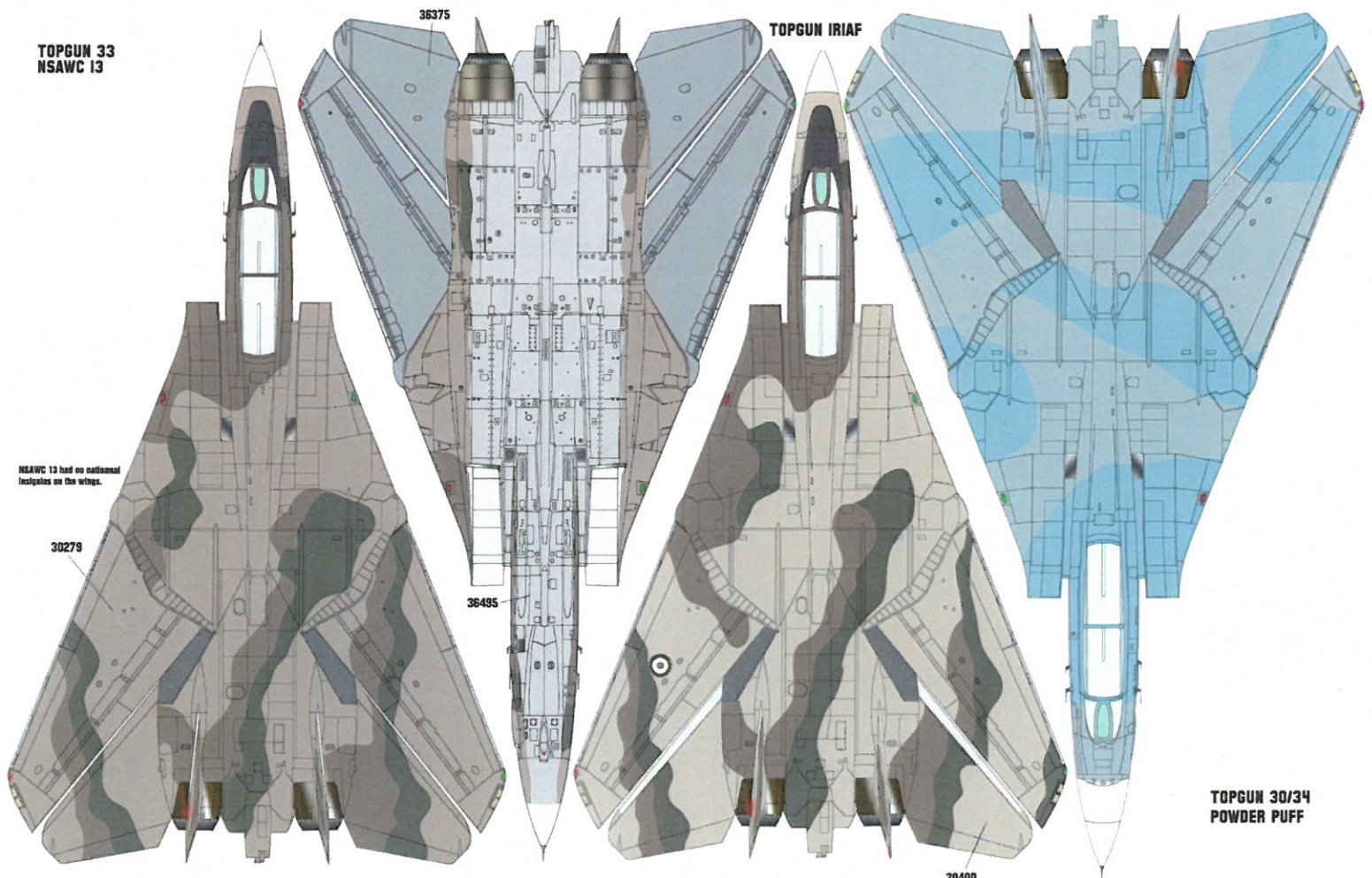
In 1998, ts36001 solid walkways were added

*NOTE: RED 31 profile and NSAWC 10 profile colors do not match. We are using prior profiles for NSAWC 10 and NSAWC 13. Colors called out are accurate.

A false IRST was part of the planned paint scheme although there is no evidence that it was actually applied. We have provided the marking.

Stars were aligned on the wing to appear pointed forward when the wing was at mid-sweep, 'bomb mode' on the manual wingsweep locked in this position. Though designed to have stars on the bottom of both wings as well, no evidence has been found that they were actually painted.

**TOPGUN 33
NSAWC 13**



NSAWC 13 had no external insignias on the wings.

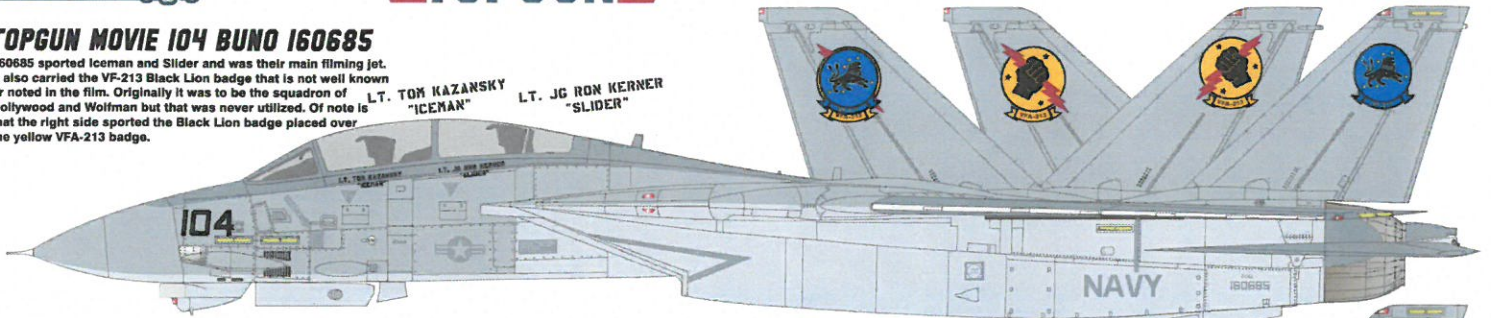
**TOPGUN 30/34
POWDER PUFF**

30400

TOPGUN MOVIE 104 BUNO 160685

160685 sported Iceman and Slider and was their main filming jet. It also carried the VF-213 Black Lion badge that is not well known or noted in the film. Originally it was to be the squadron of Hollywood and Wolfman but that was never utilized. Of note is that the right side sported the Black Lion badge placed over the yellow VFA-213 badge.

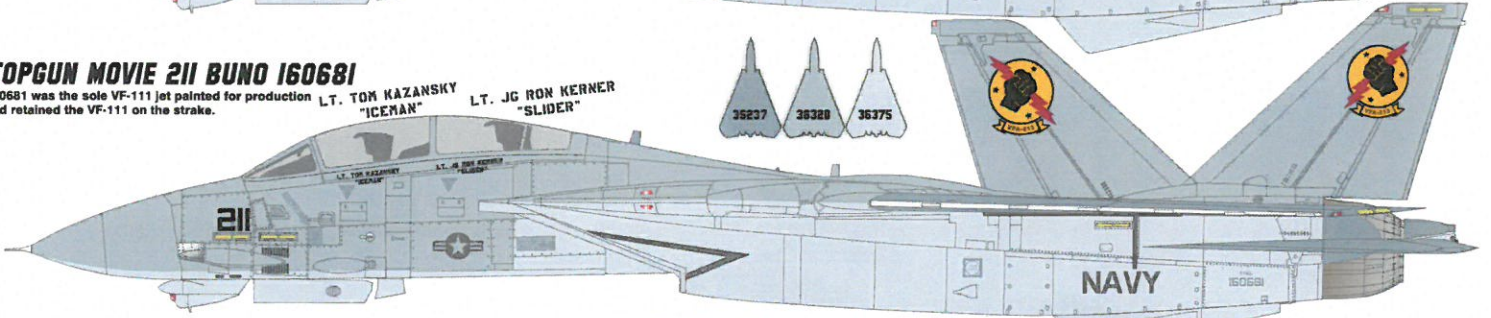
LT. TOM KAZANSKY "ICEMAN" LT. JG RON KERNER "SLIDER"



TOPGUN MOVIE 211 BUNO 160681

160681 was the sole VF-111 jet painted for production and retained the VF-111 on the strake.

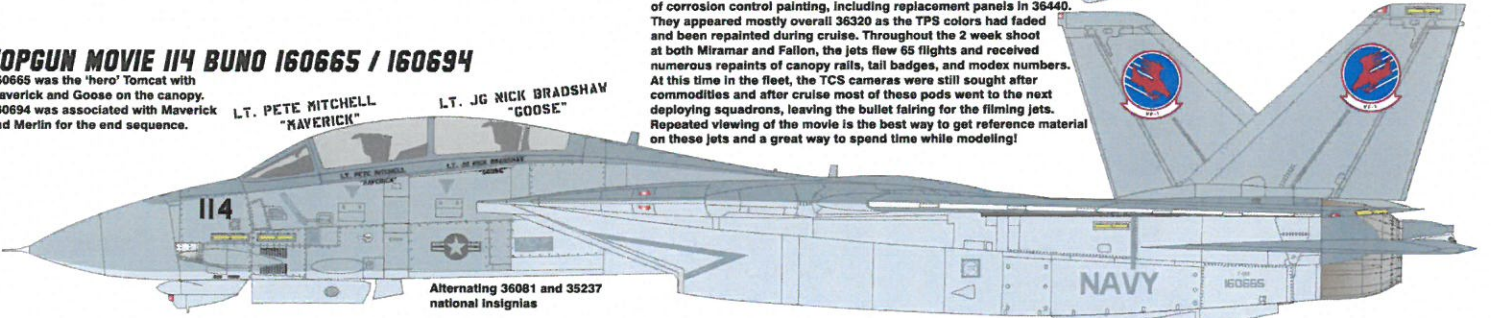
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TOPGUN MOVIE 114 BUNO 160665 / 160694

160665 was the 'hero' Tomcat with Maverick and Goose on the canopy. 160694 was associated with Maverick and Merlin for the end sequence.

LT. PETE MITCHELL "MAVERICK" LT. JG NICK BRADSHAW "GOOSE"



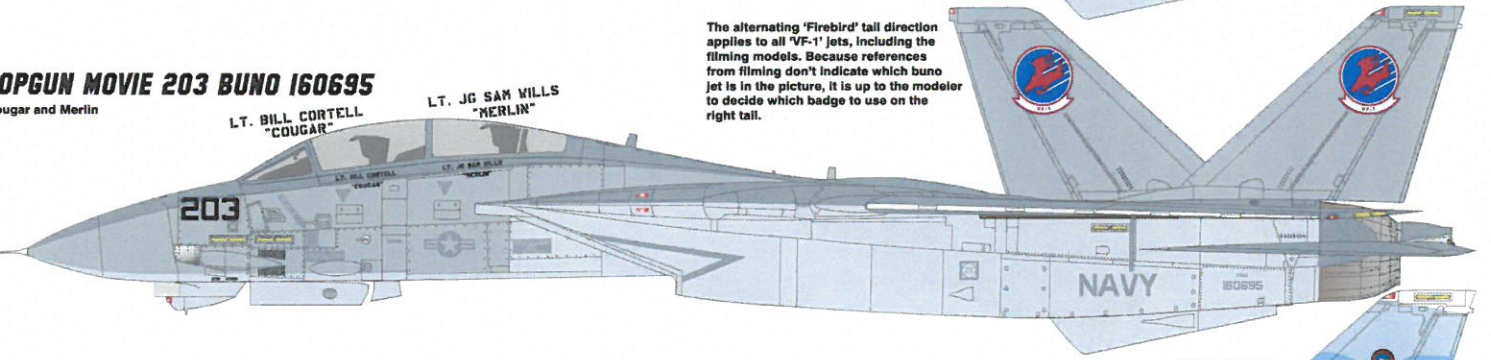
Top Gun used 5 F-14A's from VF-51 and VF-111. Just back from WESTPAC cruise, these jets were beat up and sported all kind of corrosion control painting, including replacement panels in 36440. They appeared mostly overall 36320 as the TPS colors had faded and been repainted during cruise. Throughout the 2 week shoot at both Miramar and Fallon, the jets flew 65 flights and received numerous repaints of canopy rails, tail badges, and modex numbers. At this time in the fleet, the TCS cameras were still sought after commodities and after cruise most of these pods went to the next deploying squadrons, leaving the bullet fairing for the filming jets. Repeated viewing of the movie is the best way to get reference material on these jets and a great way to spend time while modeling!

Alternating 36081 and 35237 national insignias

TOPGUN MOVIE 203 BUNO 160695

Cougar and Merlin

LT. BILL CORTELL "COUGAR" LT. JG SAM WILLS "MERLIN"



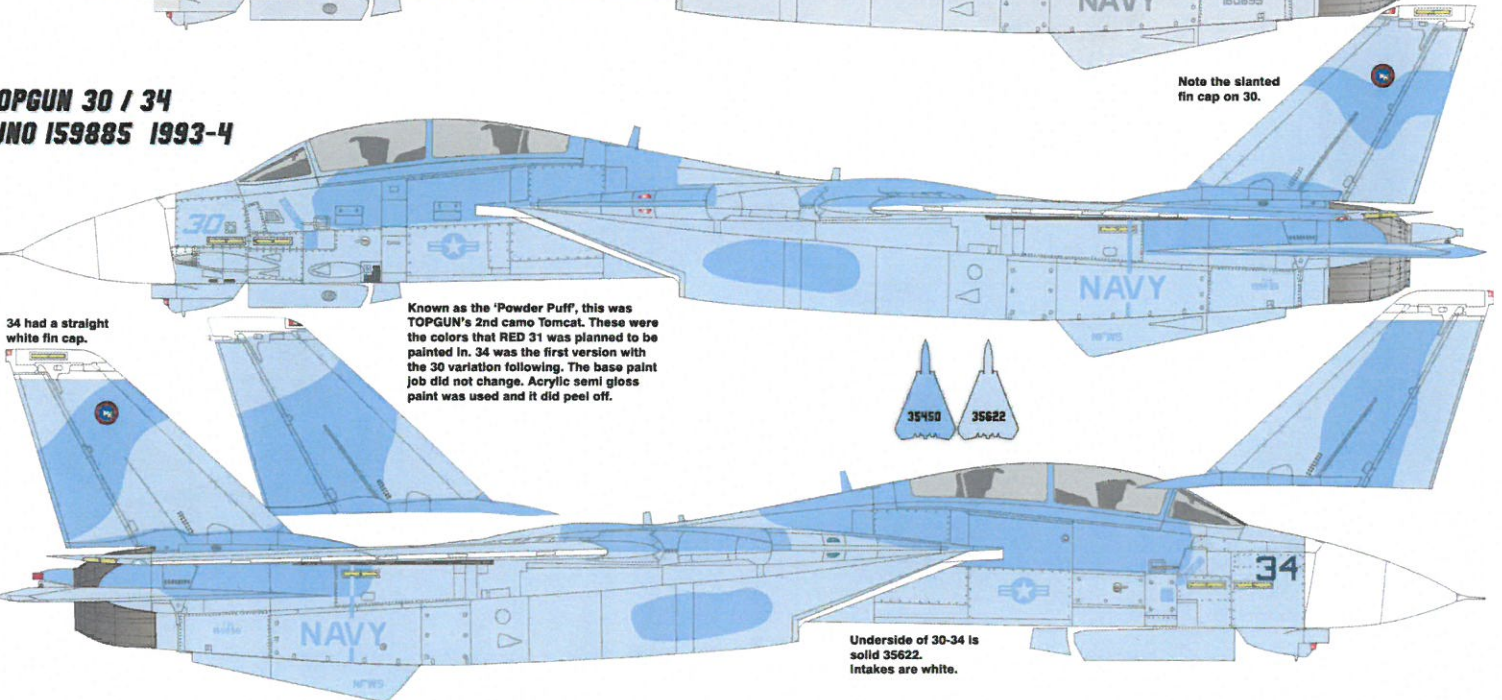
The alternating 'Firebird' tail direction applies to all 'VF-1' jets, including the filming models. Because references from filming don't indicate which buno jet is in the picture, it is up to the modeler to decide which badge to use on the right tail.

TOPGUN 30 / 34 BUNO 159885 1993-4

34 had a straight white fin cap.

Known as the 'Powder Puff', this was TOPGUN's 2nd camo Tomcat. These were the colors that RED 31 was planned to be painted in. 34 was the first version with the 30 variation following. The base paint job did not change. Acrylic semi gloss paint was used and it did peel off.

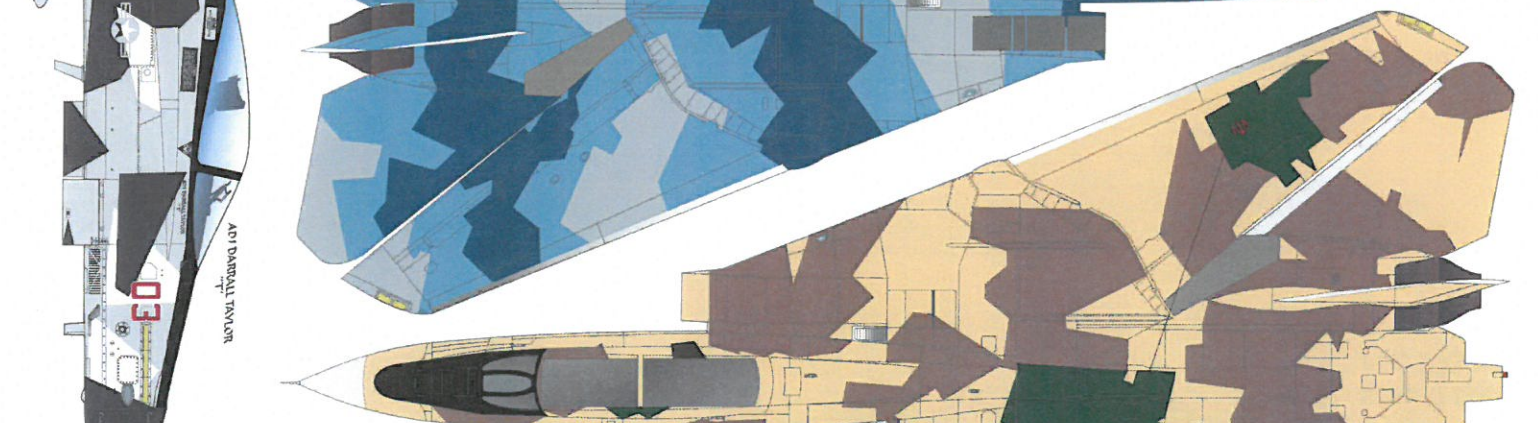
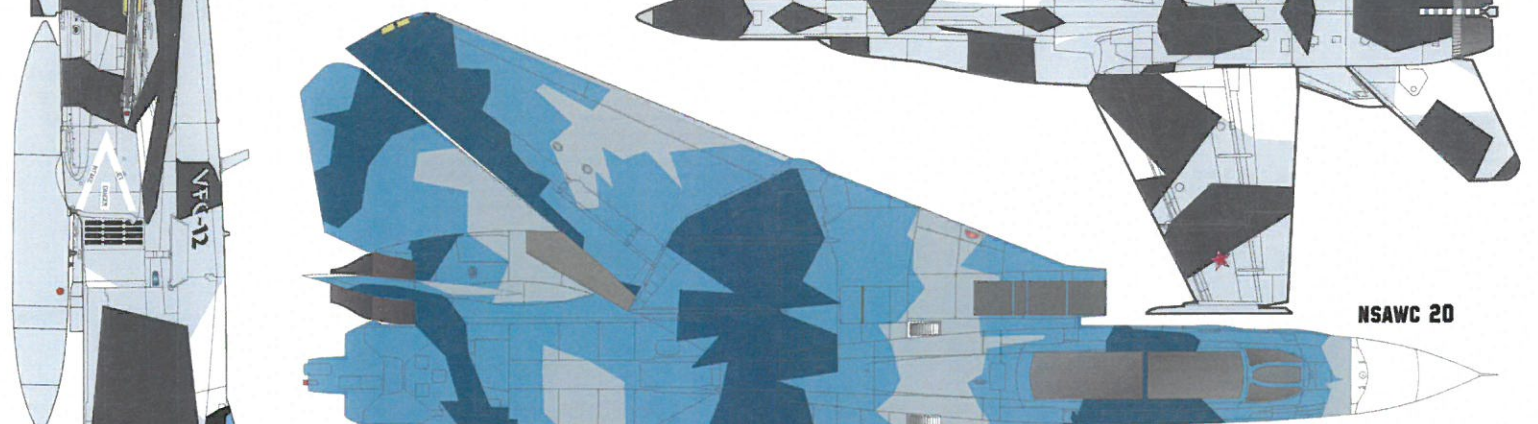
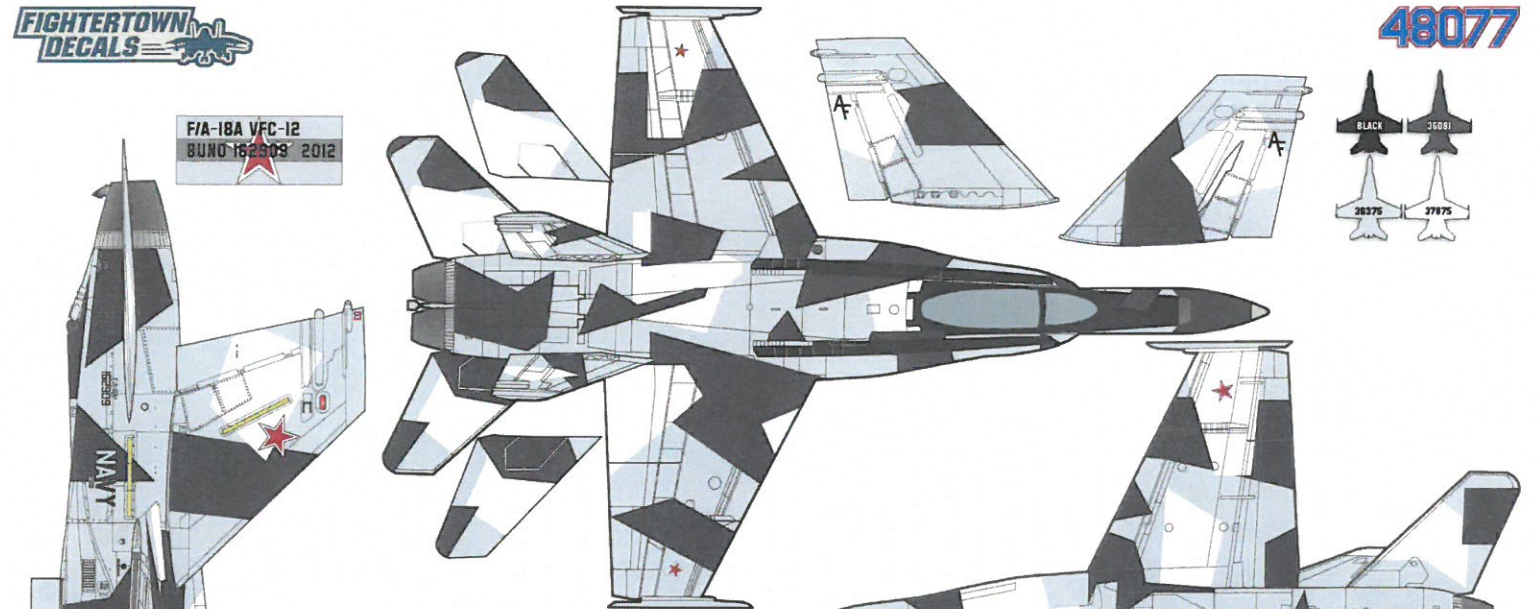
Note the slanted fin cap on 30.



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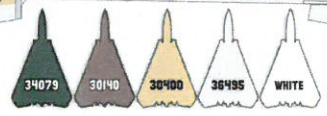
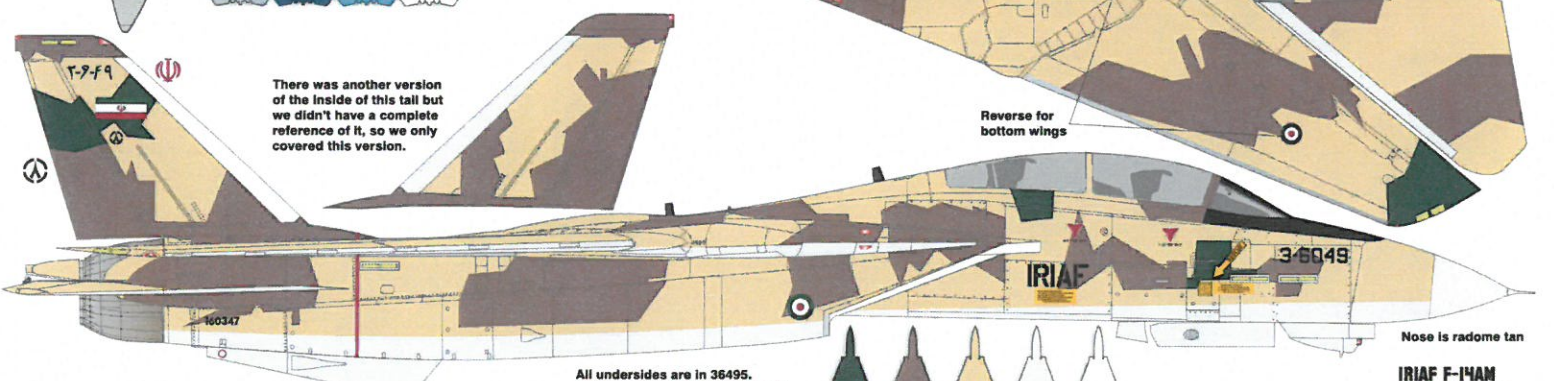
Underside of 30-34 is solid 35622. Intakes are white.

F/A-18A VFC-12
BUNO 162309 2012



There was another version of the inside of this tail but we didn't have a complete reference of it, so we only covered this version.

Reverse for bottom wings



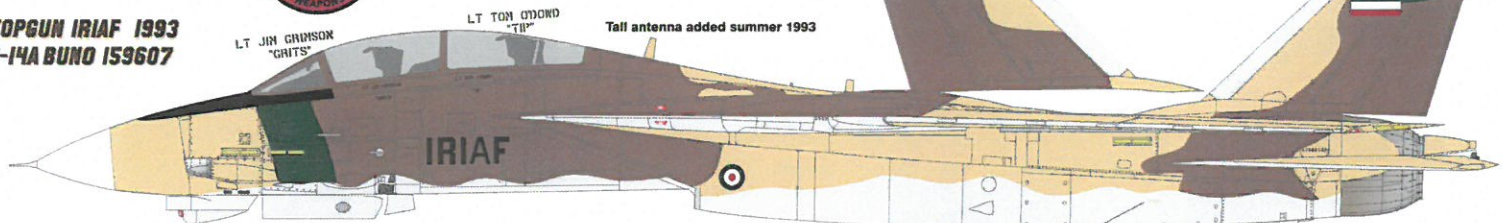
All undersides are in 36495. Both top and bottom of horizontal tail leading edges are metal.

Nose is radome tan
**IRIAF F-14AM
2014-CURRENT**



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**TOPGUN IRIAF 1993
F-14A BUNO 159607**

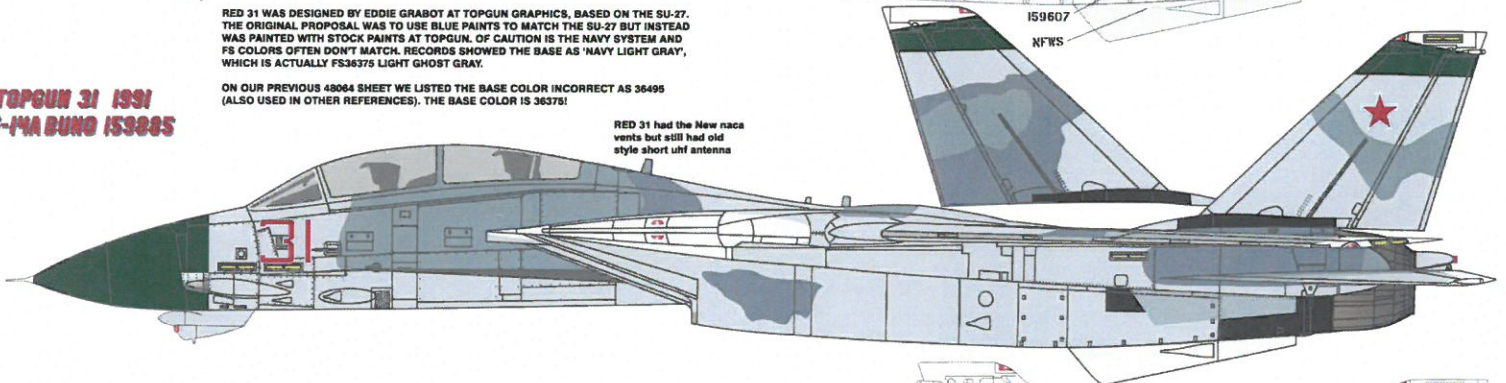


RED 31 WAS DESIGNED BY EDDIE GRABOT AT TOPGUN GRAPHICS, BASED ON THE SU-27. THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS TO USE BLUE PAINTS TO MATCH THE SU-27 BUT INSTEAD WAS PAINTED WITH STOCK PAINTS AT TOPGUN. OF CAUTION IS THE NAVY SYSTEM AND FS COLORS OFTEN DON'T MATCH. RECORDS SHOWED THE BASE AS 'NAVY LIGHT GRAY', WHICH IS ACTUALLY FS36376 LIGHT GHOST GRAY.

ON OUR PREVIOUS 48064 SHEET WE LISTED THE BASE COLOR INCORRECT AS 36495 (ALSO USED IN OTHER REFERENCES). THE BASE COLOR IS 36376!

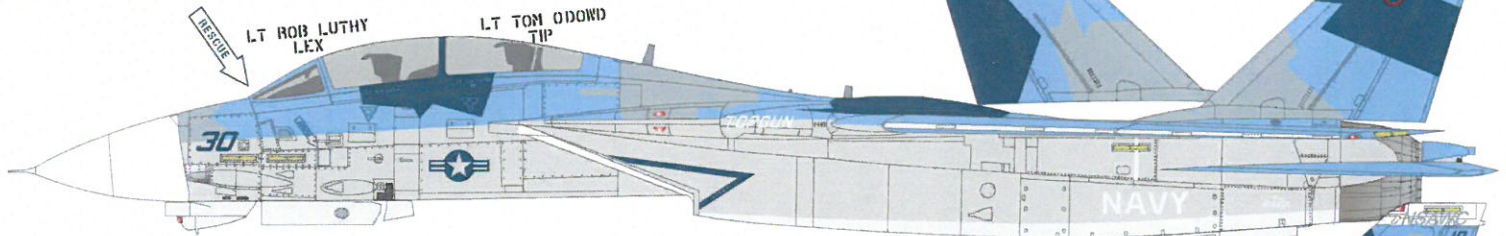
RED 31 had the New naca vents but still had old style short whf antenna

**TOPGUN 31 1991
F-14A BUNO 159885**



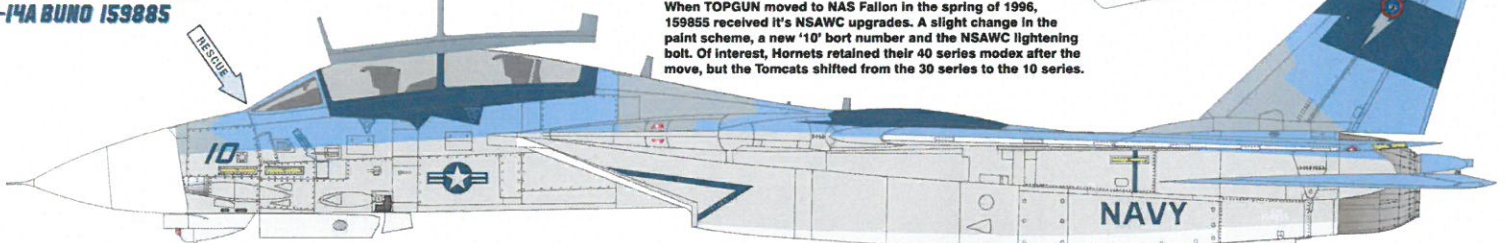
**TOPGUN 30 1995
F-14A BUNO 159885**

Whether by intention or luck, 159885 continued to sport an SU-27 derived paint scheme. This time in a blue splinter scheme of the SU-35 first painted on TOPGUN 41 F/A-18A (covered on 48010).



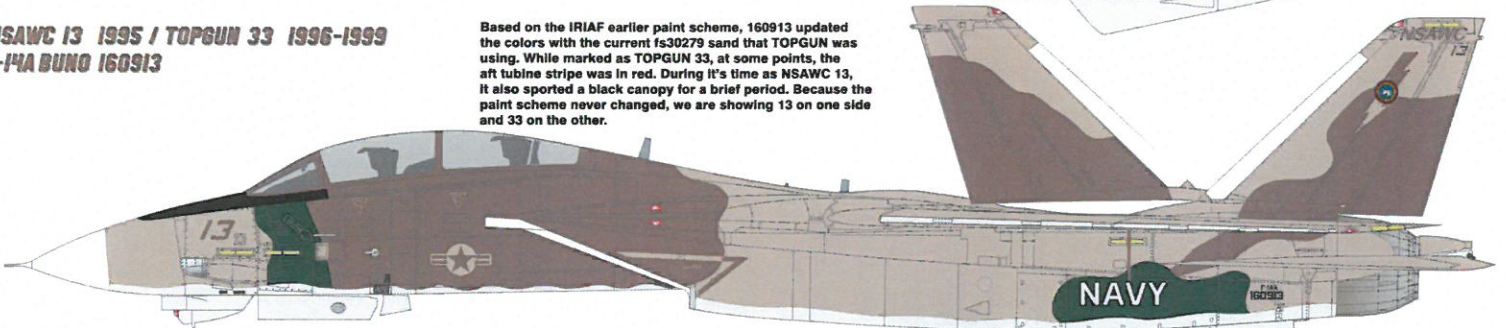
**NSAWC 10 1996-1998
F-14A BUNO 159885**

When TOPGUN moved to NAS Fallon in the spring of 1996, 159885 received it's NSAWC upgrades. A slight change in the paint scheme, a new '10' bort number and the NSAWC lightening bolt. Of interest, Hornets retained their 40 series modex after the move, but the Tomcats shifted from the 30 series to the 10 series.



**NSAWC 13 1995 / TOPGUN 33 1996-1999
F-14A BUNO 160913**

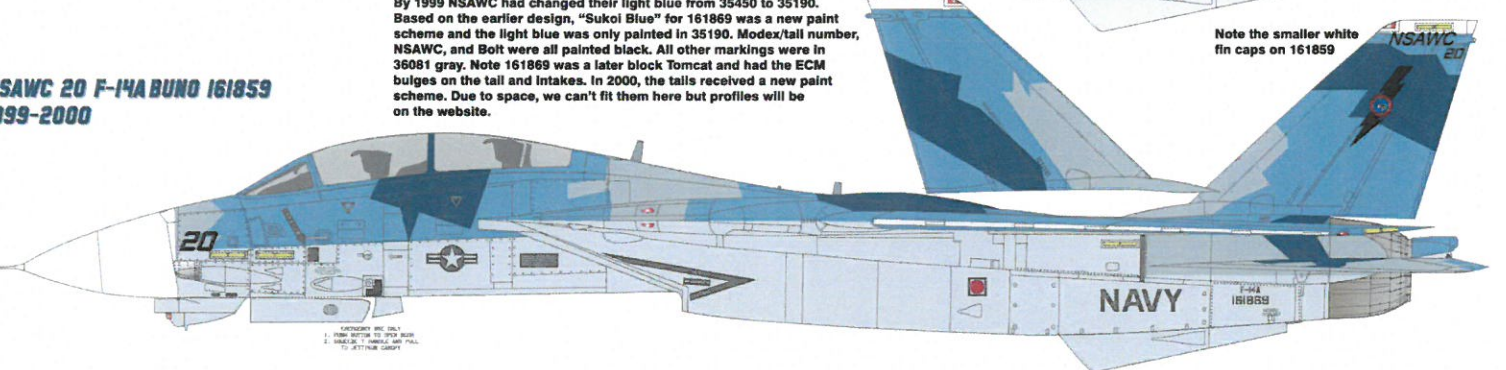
Based on the IRIAF earlier paint scheme, 160913 updated the colors with the current fs30279 sand that TOPGUN was using. While marked as TOPGUN 33, at some points, the aft turbine stripe was in red. During it's time as NSAWC 13, it also sported a black canopy for a brief period. Because the paint scheme never changed, we are showing 13 on one side and 33 on the other.

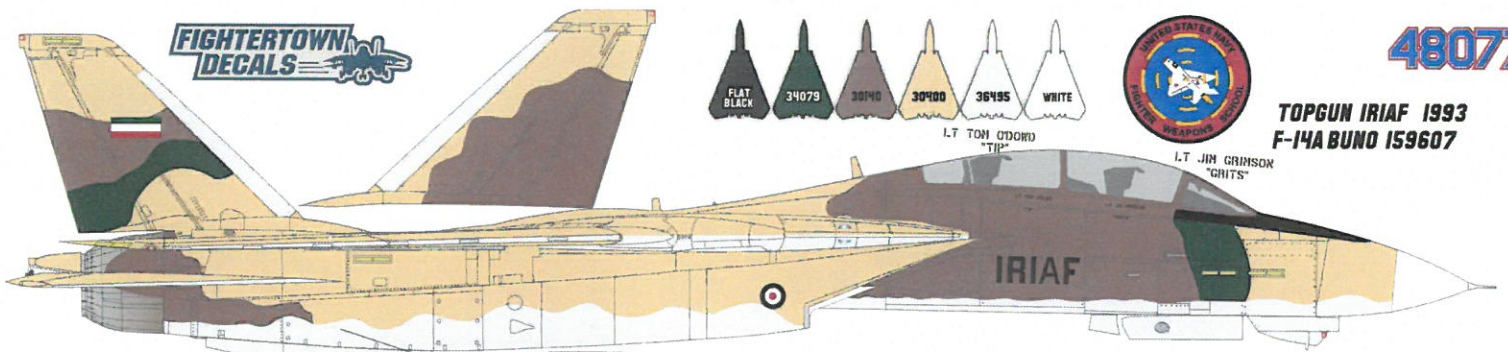


**NSAWC 20 F-14A BUNO 161859
1999-2000**

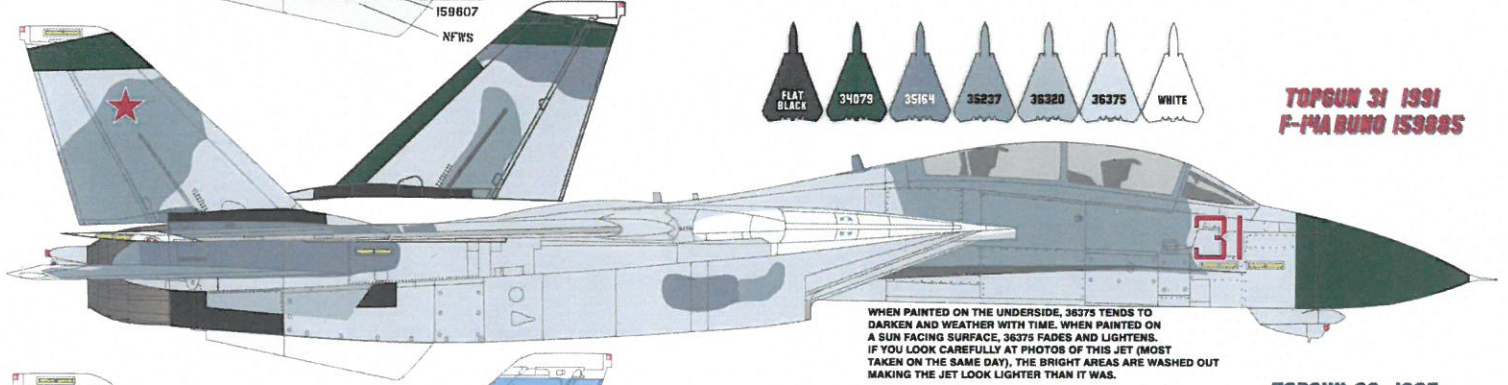
By 1999 NSAWC had changed their light blue from 35450 to 35190. Based on the earlier design, "Sukoi Blue" for 161859 was a new paint scheme and the light blue was only painted in 35190. Modex/tail number, NSAWC, and Bolt were all painted black. All other markings were in 36081 gray. Note 161859 was a later block Tomcat and had the ECM bulges on the tail and intakes. In 2000, the tails received a new paint scheme. Due to space, we can't fit them here but profiles will be on the website.

Note the smaller white fin caps on 161859

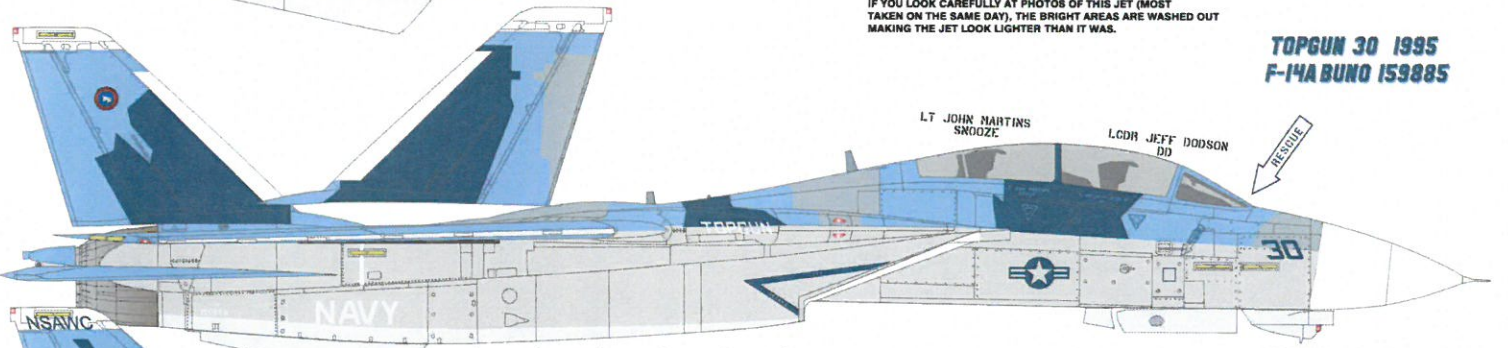




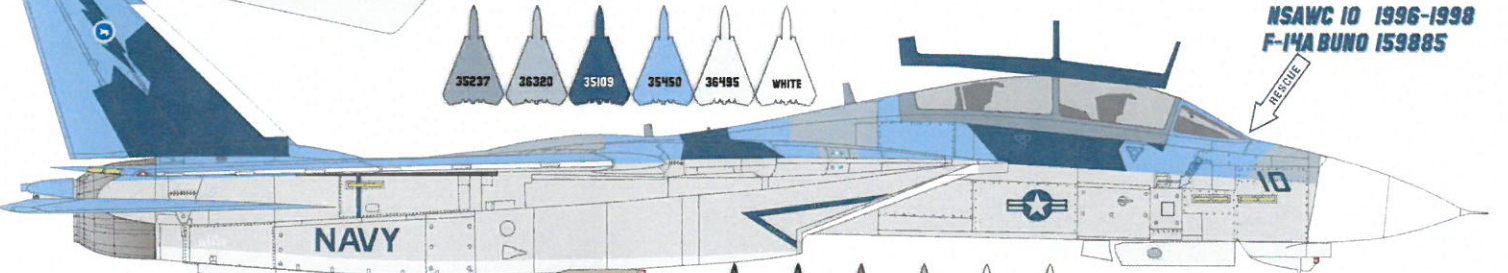
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F-14A BUNO 159607**



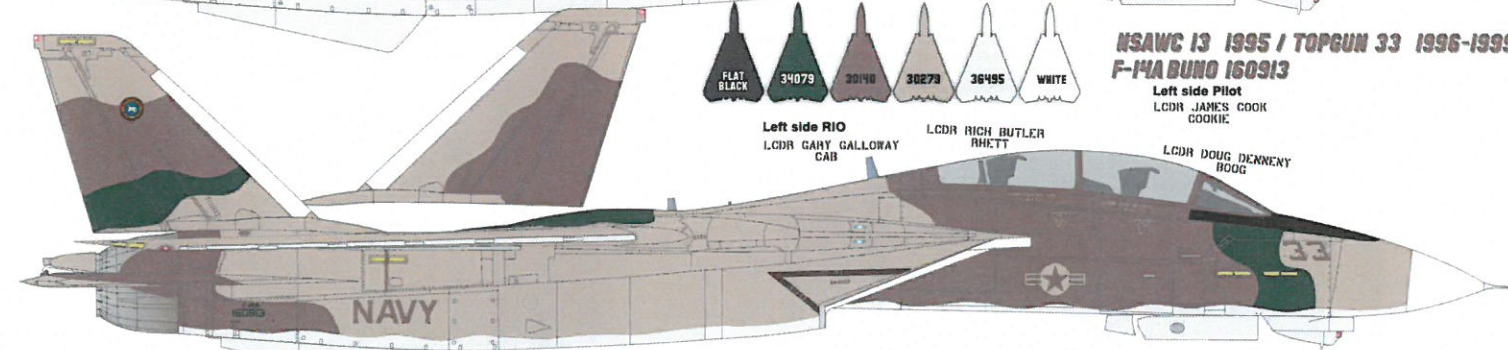
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F-14A BUNO 159885**



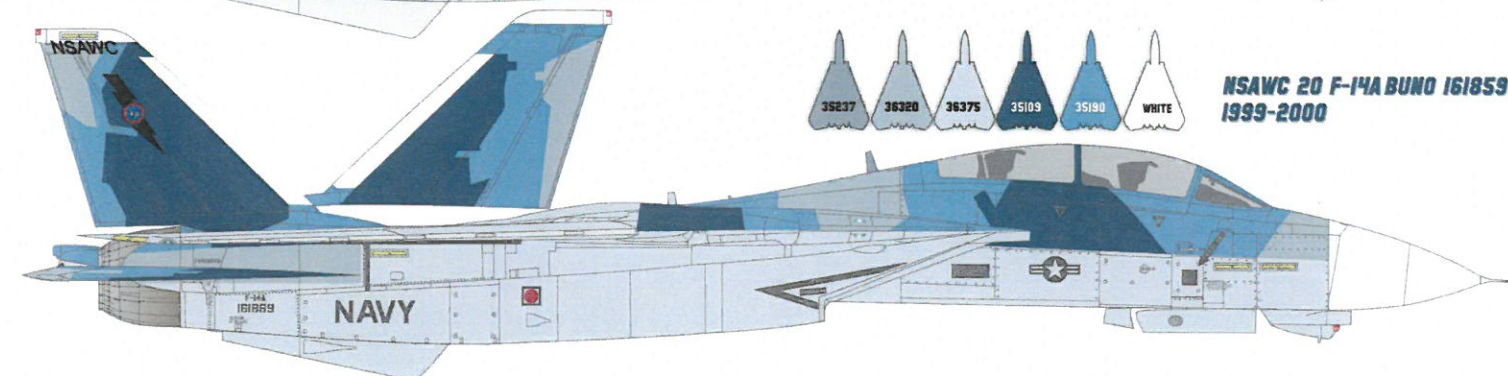
**TOPGUN 30 1995
F-14A BUNO 159885**



**NSAWC 10 1996-1998
F-14A BUNO 159885**



**NSAWC 13 1995 / TOPGUN 33 1996-1999
F-14A BUNO 160913**



**NSAWC 20 F-14A BUNO 161859
1999-2000**

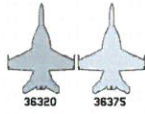


NSAWC F/A-18E 115
BUNO 166904
AUGUST 2015

The summer of 2015 saw some changes at NAS Fallon and TOPGUN. In Aug, NSAWC was renamed NAWDC - Naval Air Warfighting Development Center and a new 'STRIKE' badge was adopted. At first it replaced 1 side of the tail badge/lightening bolt on the unit's Hornets and Superhornets. Eventually all the aircraft tails will be replaced with the new badge.

NAWDC F/A-18F 100
BUNO 165796
SEPT 2015

CAPT K. MANNIX



When we visited in Aug 2015, the left tail only had the bolt painted on. The STRIKE patch was not yet added. We have provided an empty bolt as an option.

NAVOC E/A-18G 501
BUNO 168942
AUG 2015

LT. B. A. PRUDDEN

LT. S. A. MANKINS

The Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC) has the Growler Tactics Instructor (GTI) course as part of the Airborne Electronic Attack portion of the command. The nickname for the course is NAVOC.

STRIKE A-6E 1991-1993
52 BUNO 159181
04 BUNO 162206



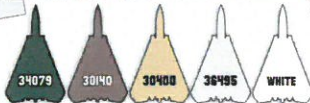
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These 2 Intruders carried the same markings. The only difference was 159181 was an old wing Intruder, and 162206 had the new composite wing.

F/A-18A VFC-12
BUNO 162909 2012



IRIAF F-14AM
2014-CURRENT
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Horizontal tails leading edges are bare metal like the wings.

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COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPT JAMES A ROLL
COOKIE

LCDR JERRY BEAMAN
STEAMER

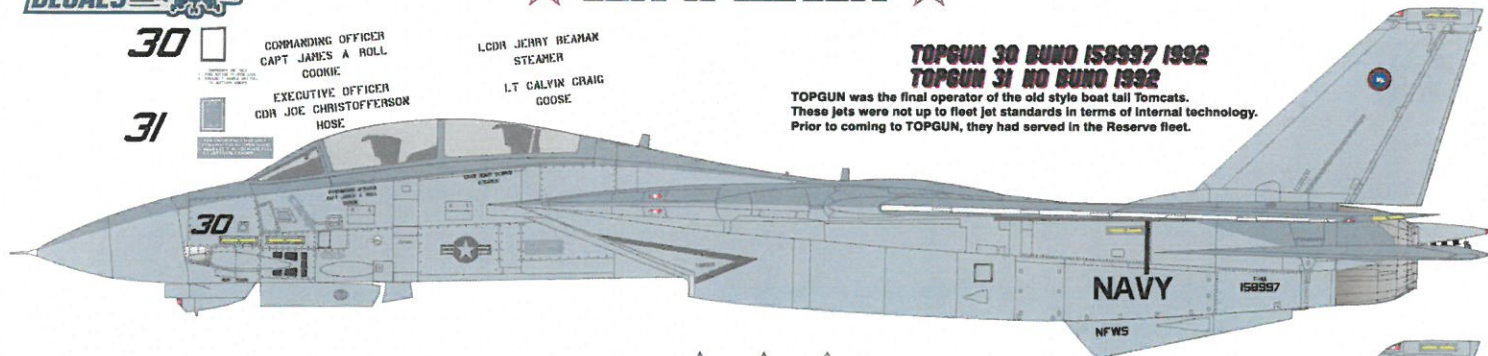
TOPGUN 30 BUNO 159997 1992
TOPGUN 31 NO BUNO 1992

TOPGUN was the final operator of the old style boat tail Tomcats. These jets were not up to fleet jet standards in terms of internal technology. Prior to coming to TOPGUN, they had served in the Reserve fleet.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CDR JOE CHRISTOFFERSON
HOSE

LT CALVIN CRAIG
GOOSE



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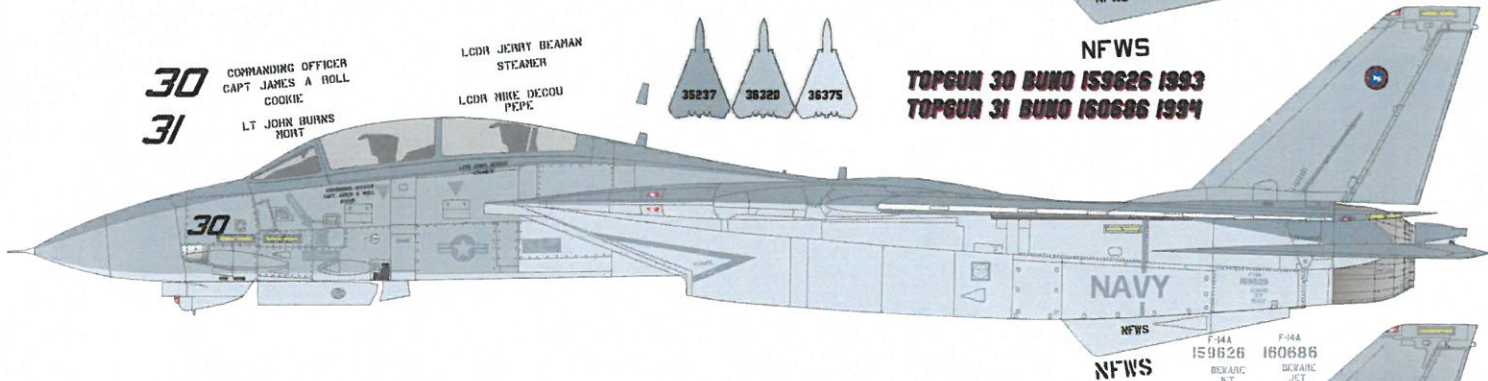
LCDR JERRY BEAMAN
STEAMER

TOPGUN 30 BUNO 159626 1993
TOPGUN 31 BUNO 160686 1994

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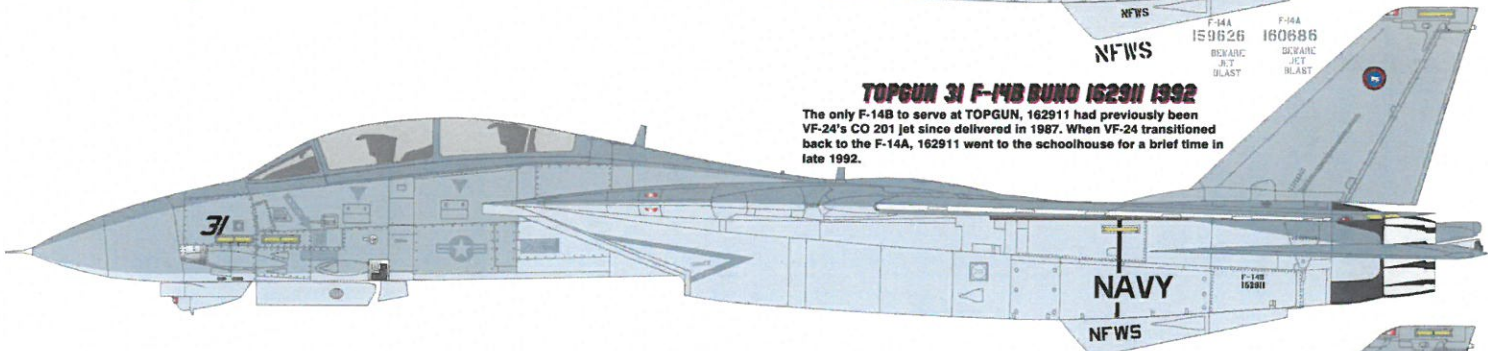
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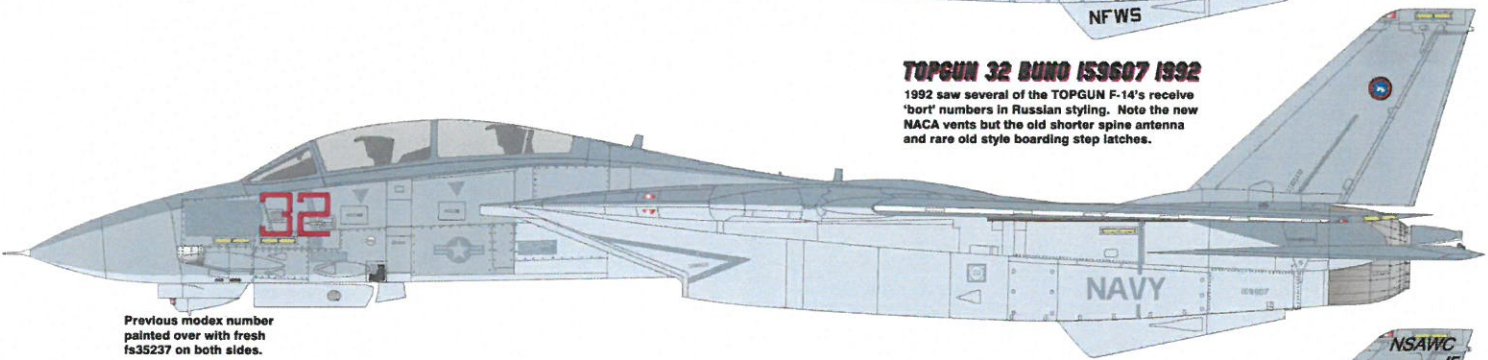
TOPGUN 31 F-14B BUNO 162911 1992

The only F-14B to serve at TOPGUN, 162911 had previously been VF-24's CO 201 jet since delivered in 1987. When VF-24 transitioned back to the F-14A, 162911 went to the schoolhouse for a brief time in late 1992.



TOPGUN 32 BUNO 159607 1992

1992 saw several of the TOPGUN F-14's receive "bort" numbers in Russian styling. Note the new NACA vents but the old shorter spine antenna and rare old style boarding step latches.



Previous modex number painted over with fresh fs35237 on both sides.

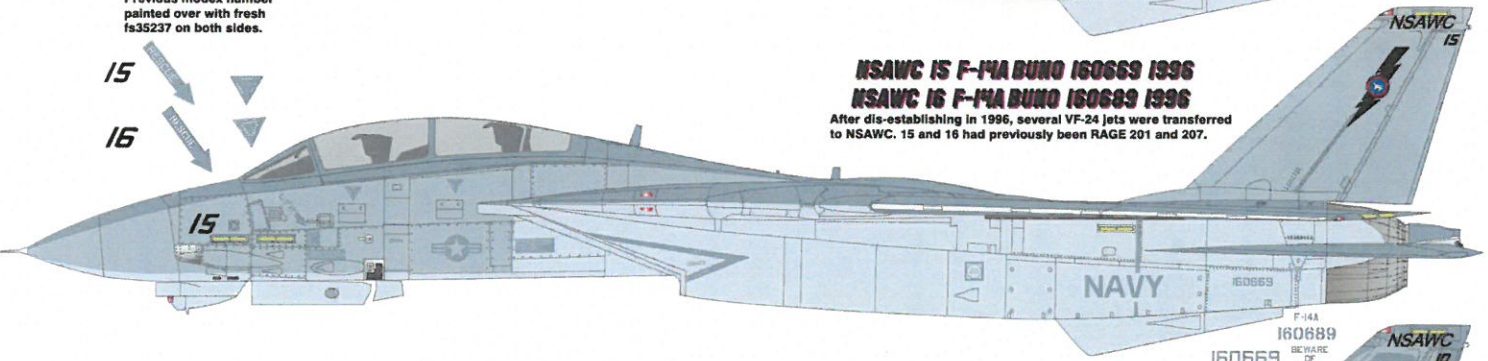
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NSAWC 15 F-14A BUNO 160669 1996

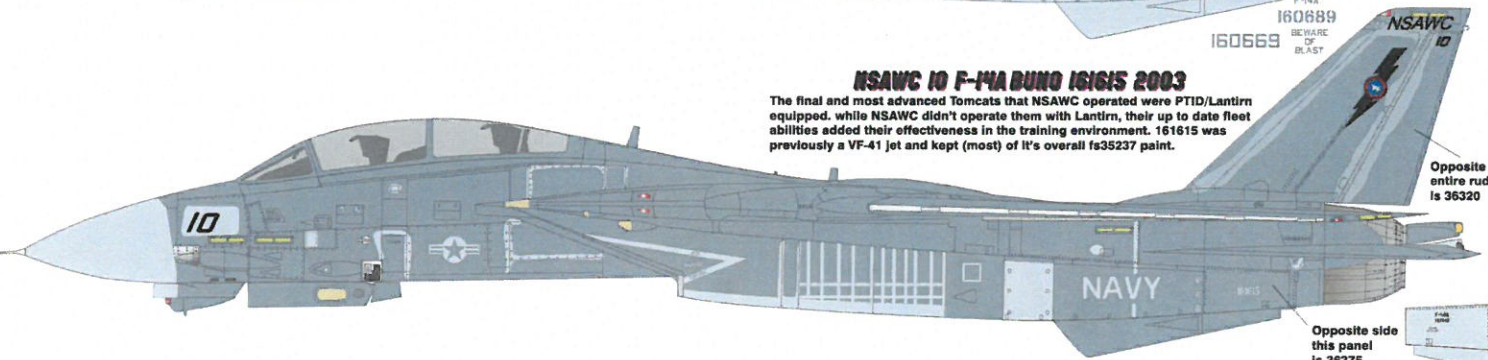
NSAWC 16 F-14A BUNO 160689 1996

After dis-establishing in 1996, several VF-24 jets were transferred to NSAWC. 15 and 16 had previously been RAGE 201 and 207.



NSAWC 10 F-14A BUNO 161615 2003

The final and most advanced Tomcats that NSAWC operated were PTID/Lantirn equipped, while NSAWC didn't operate them with Lantirn, their up to date fleet abilities added their effectiveness in the training environment. 161615 was previously a VF-41 jet and kept (most) of it's overall fs35237 paint.



Opposite side, entire rudder is 36320

Opposite side this panel is 36375