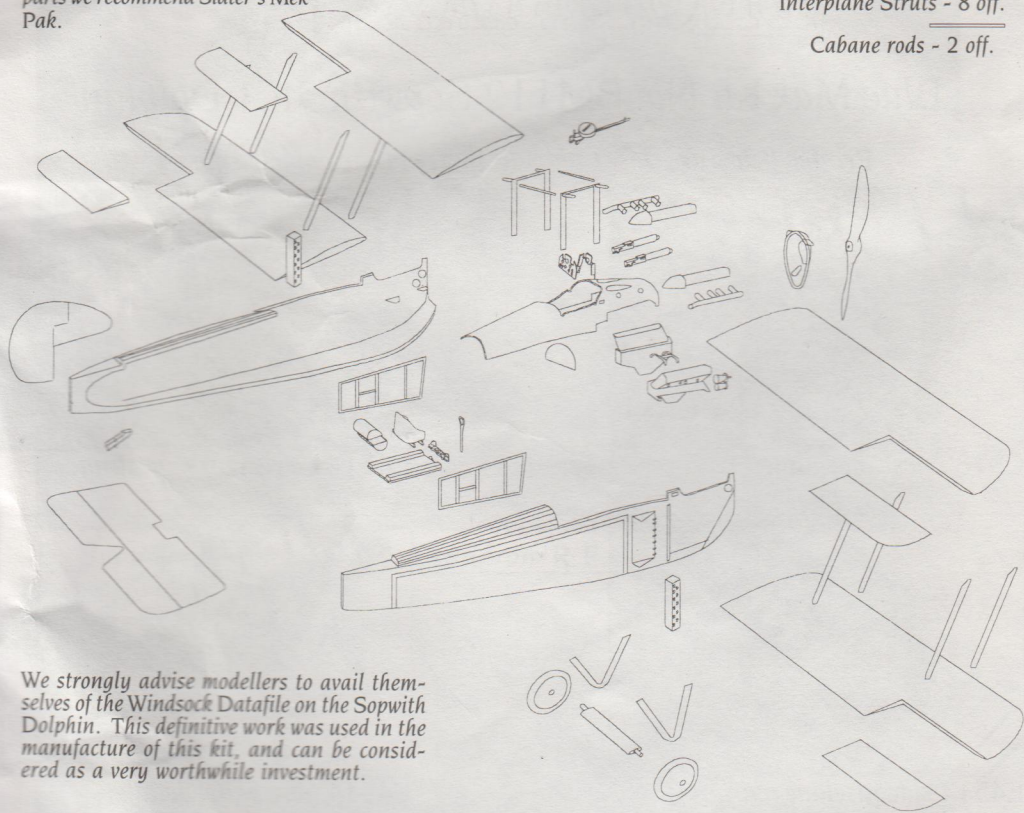


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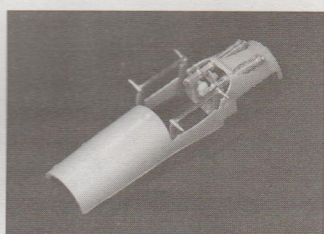
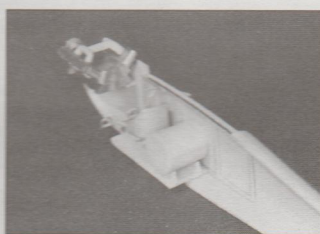
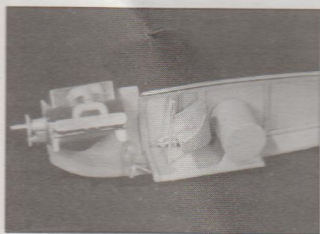
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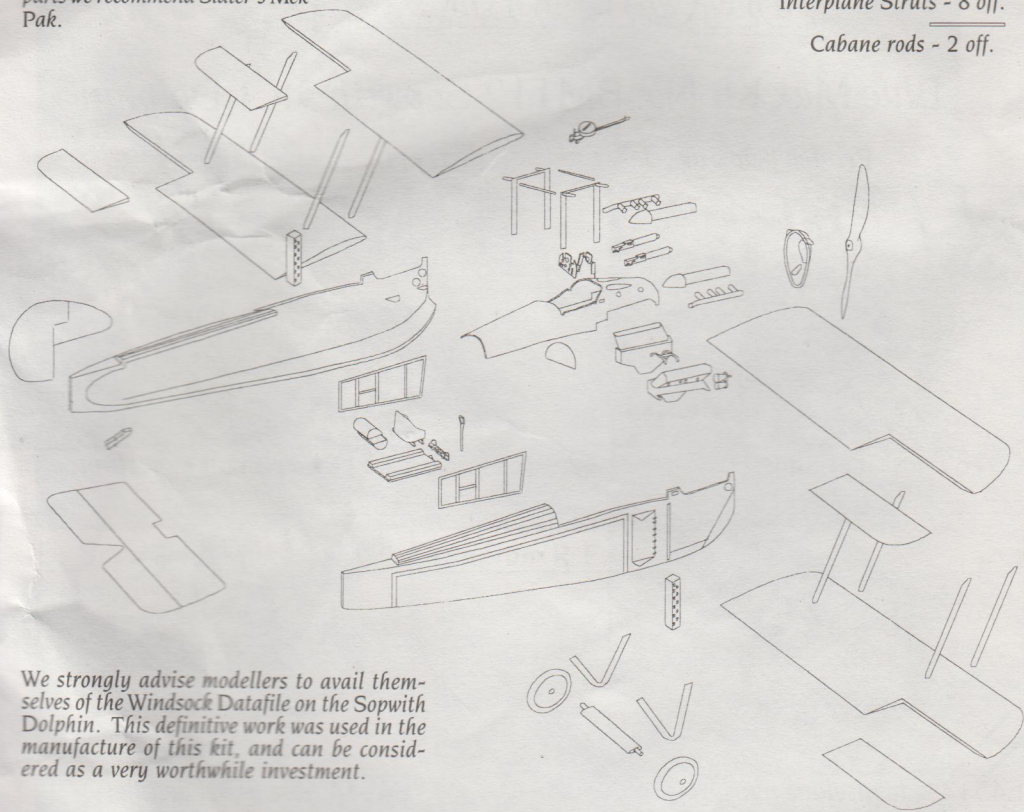
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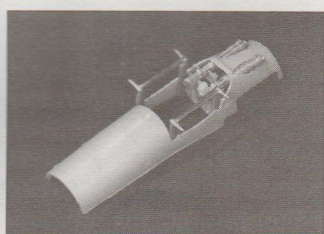
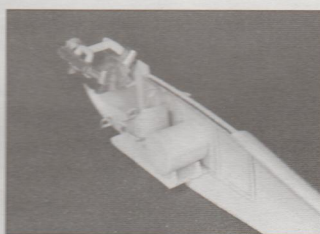
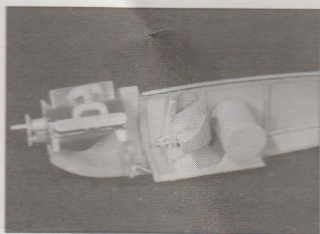
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COLOURING NOTES

Most production Dolphins were finished overall in the standard doped scheme of PC 10 uppersurfaces (Excluding the underside of the fuselage), with unbleached linen for the undersides of all the flying surfaces. Generally, the forward panelling and turtledeck were battleship grey, along with the lower fuselage up to the last indicated plywood panel line. Interior colours were limited to varnished ply & ash for the cockpit structure, with the exposed side walls a warm dark honey shade. The pilot's seat bottom was a simple flat plywood platform with the back a wicker work structure, all the cockpit leather fixtures were a rich red/brown. The engine cylinders and crankcase on the Hispano-Suiza were a dull steel/aluminium colour, with the rocker boxes in gloss black. The exhaust manifold was a dull metallic Red/Brown shade. From photographs the radiator blocks seem to be dull gunmetal/black, with the forward intake panels in the fuselage colour. A study of period photographs reveals the tyres to be mid/dark grey hue, with the propeller a dark varnished Mahogany shade with occasional evidence of blade fabric wrapping with doped linen. The U/C legs were painted PC 10, with the interplane and cabane struts in varnished wood. A feature of well used Dolphins in the field was that the fuselage panelling would frequently wear, and the natural metal colour would show through. Patching was prevalent, and often shows up as darker patches on photographs.

A. Sopwith Dolphin, unit unknown, RNAS, Dover, January 1918. (C3785)

This airframe, one of only two RNAS examples, was finished in the standard camouflage noted above except for the complete overpainting of all the metal and turtledeck panels with PC10. (Lower fuselage portion still in battleship grey) Wheel discs were battleship grey. National markings were carried on a white field in six positions, (Undersurface without ring). This aircraft featured one of the first ever applications of a 'shark mouth' to a British aircraft. After a few months in the field the airframe attained a satin sheen, reaching a glossy sheen near the engine.

B. Sopwith Dolphin of No. 19 Squadron R.F.C., Lt. C. Montgomery-Moore, France, October 1918 (E4514)

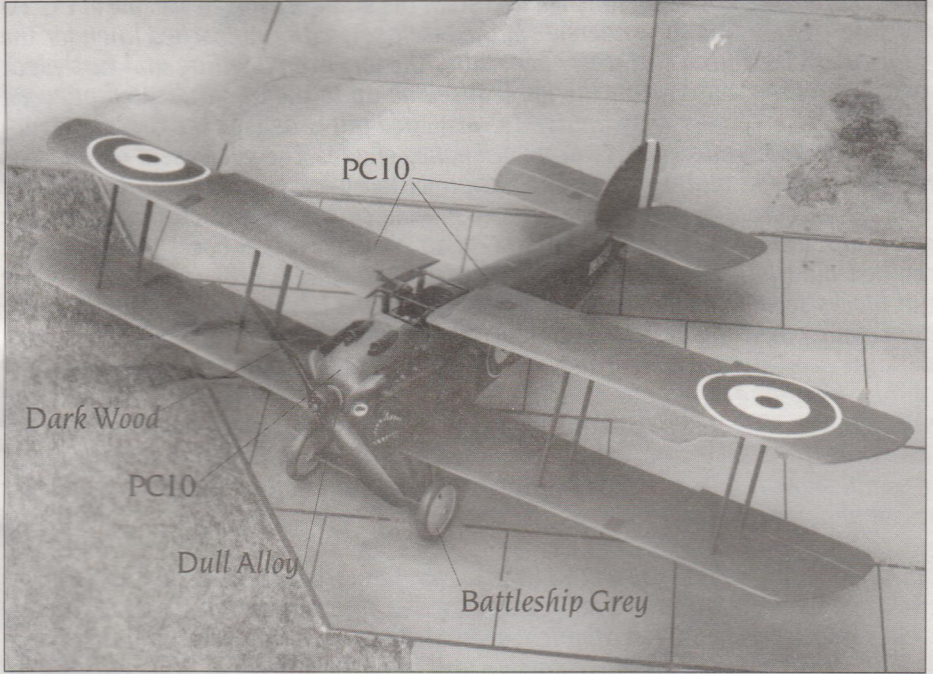
This aircraft is depicted as on October 30th. 1918. when it downed a Fokker D.VII. All general camouflage details were as per the colouring notes above. No: 19 Squadron identity bars were carried on the rear fuselage. Wheel discs were originally white, but were painted over in Battleship Grey in the field.

DECAL NOTES

Prior to application, paint the entire model with a thin coat of gloss varnish so that the decals will adhere better. To apply the decals, firstly trim off all carrier film. Then place in a saucer of lukewarm Distilled water for approximately one minute. (Do not let the decal float off the carrier film). When loose, wet the intended area on the model, and slide the decal off the paper carrier onto the model. Using a lint free cloth, press out any trapped air bubbles, and leave to dry for about 30 minutes. Finally seal in the decal with a coat of thinned down varnish to protect against the atmosphere.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Blue Max decals are hand printed, and as such are a great deal thinner than most propriety decal sheets. We do not advise the use of any 'decal solvents' as these will damage the decal. The decals provided with this kit will actually be thinner than hand painting the markings on your model if applied correctly.

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