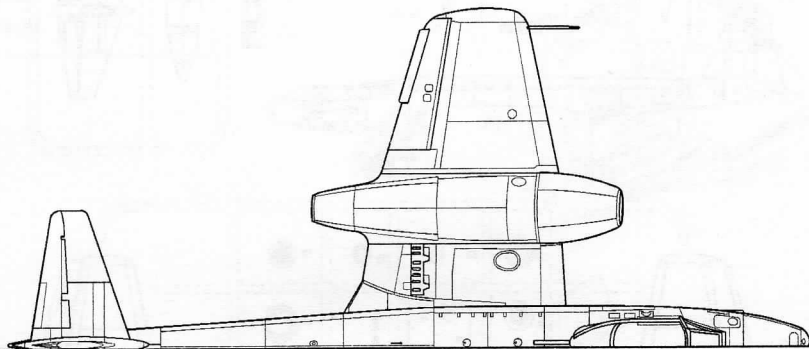
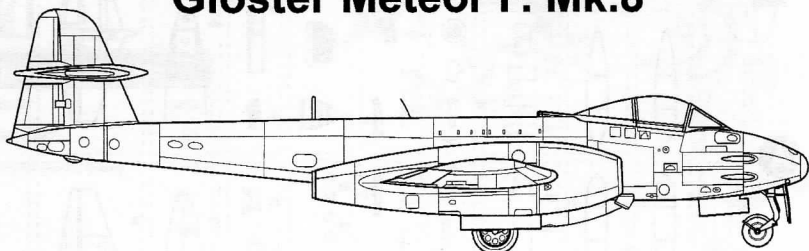




PLASTIC AIRCRAFT KIT

Gloster Meteor F. Mk.8



1/72 scale

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HISTORY

Gloster Meteor together with De Havilland Vampire were both RAF fighters just after WW 2. Subsequently to the war versions Mk.I and Mk.III the first post war version Mk.IV was developed. The development of the improved version Mk.8 started in 1947. It differed from the earlier Mk.IV by strengthened structure, longer fuselage with new canopy and ejection seat. The tailpanes were completely redesigned. More powerful Derwent 8 engines were installed in the wings' nacelles. First aircraft were delivered to RAF in 1949.

Meteor Mk.8 didn't served only within RAF but was also exported. Meteors served with Egyptian, Belgian, Dutch, Brazilian, Danish, Syrian, Israeli and Australian air forces. It was also license produced by Fokker in Holland and Avions Fairey in Belgium where it was assembled from delivered subassemblies.

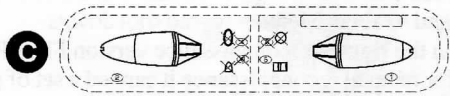
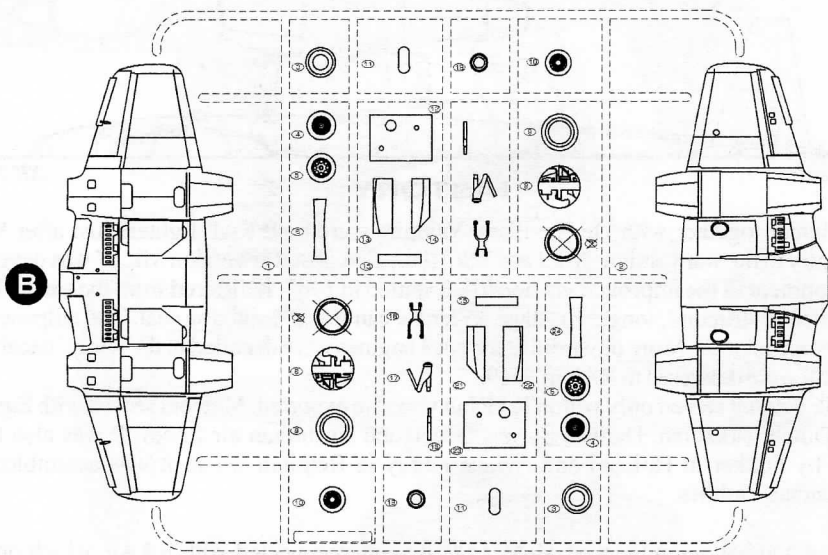
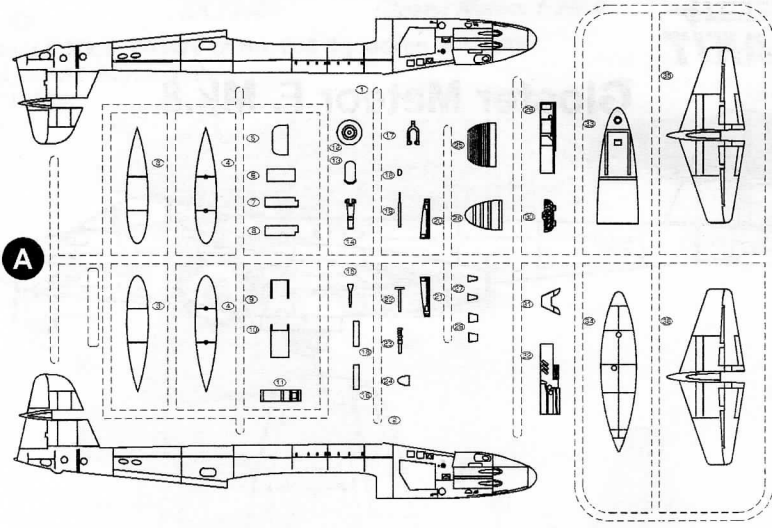
The biggest combat assignment of Meteor Mk.8 is interconnected with RAAF, which operated Meteors during Korean War in 1951-53. This combat experience proved that Meteor could not match MiG-15, which was the best enemy fighter of that era. Other Meteors participated in Close East combats. Both Israeli and Arabian Meteors scored shot downs.

Based on the fighter version the fighter-reconnaissance version FR. Mk.9 was developed. Except of the standard armament for tactical reconnaissance it carried a set of photo-cameras in modified nose. 126 aircraft of this version were delivered to RAF, later some of them were sold to Ecuador, Israel and Syria.

TECHNICAL DATA:

Span: 11.32 m, Length: 13.59 m, Max. Speed 962 kmh at 3050 m, Range: 965 km, Climbing capability: 35.6 ms, Armament: 4x 20 mm cannons.

KIT PARTS



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Gloster Meteor F. Mk. 8

SYMBOLS



OPTIONAL



CUT OFF/DRILL



SCRATCH BUILD

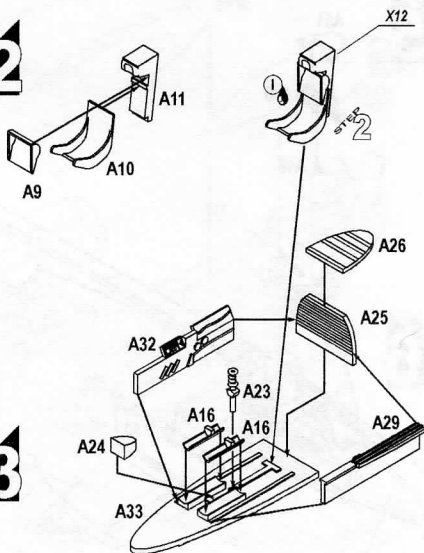
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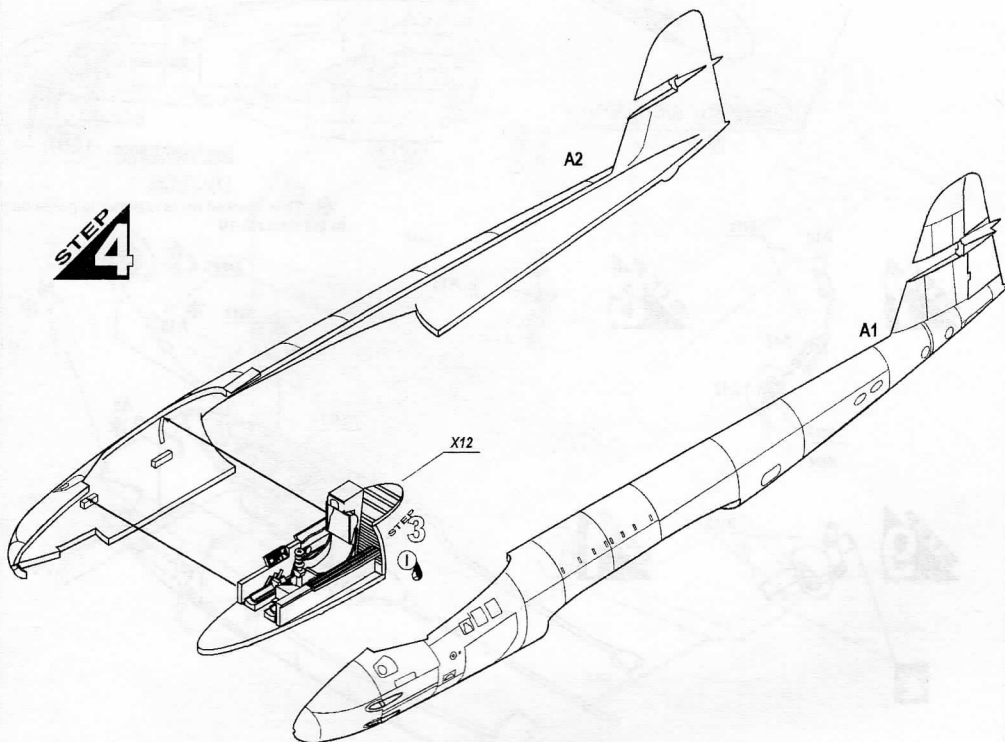
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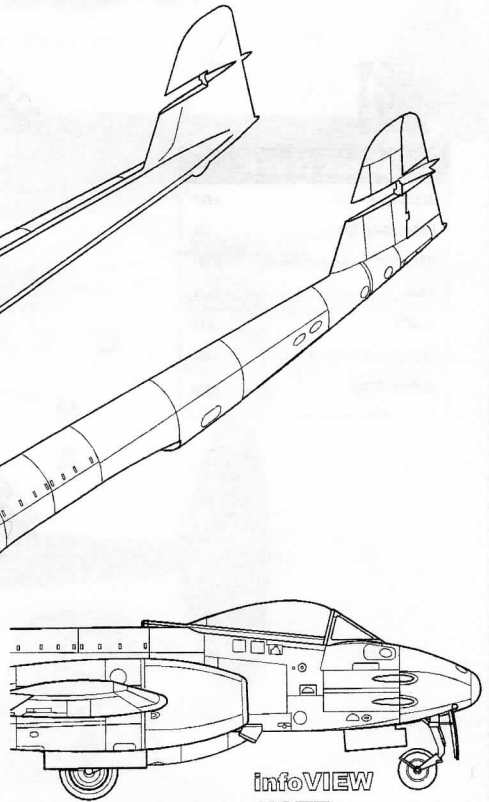
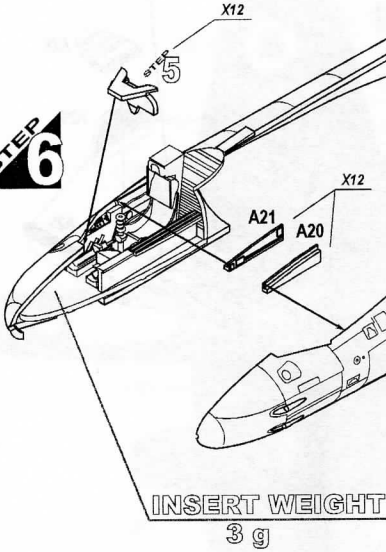


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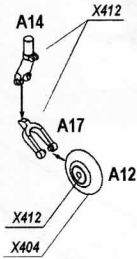
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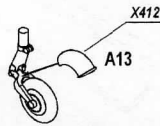
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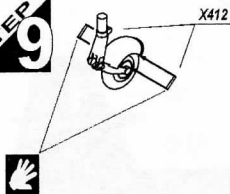
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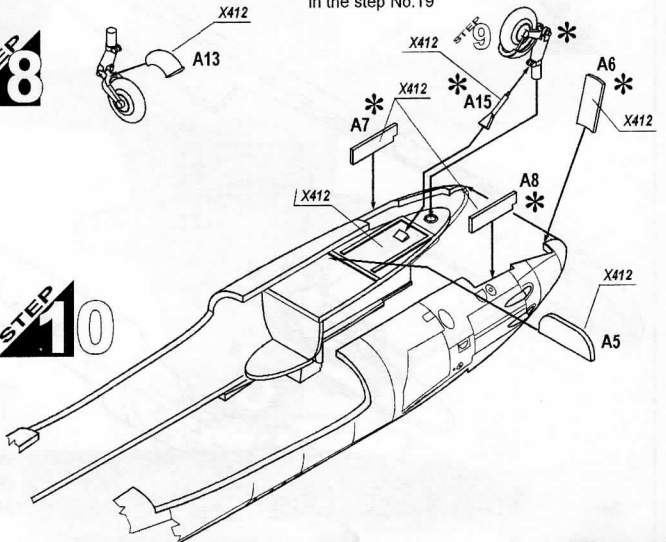
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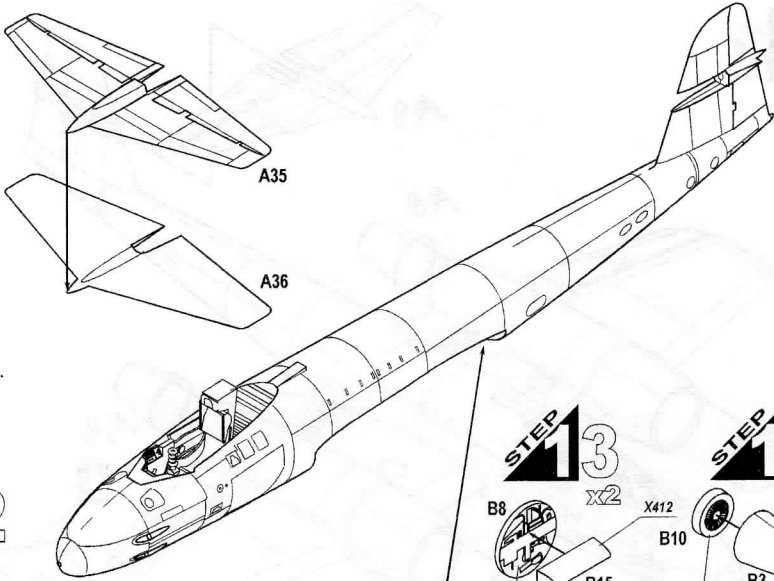


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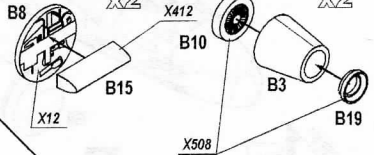
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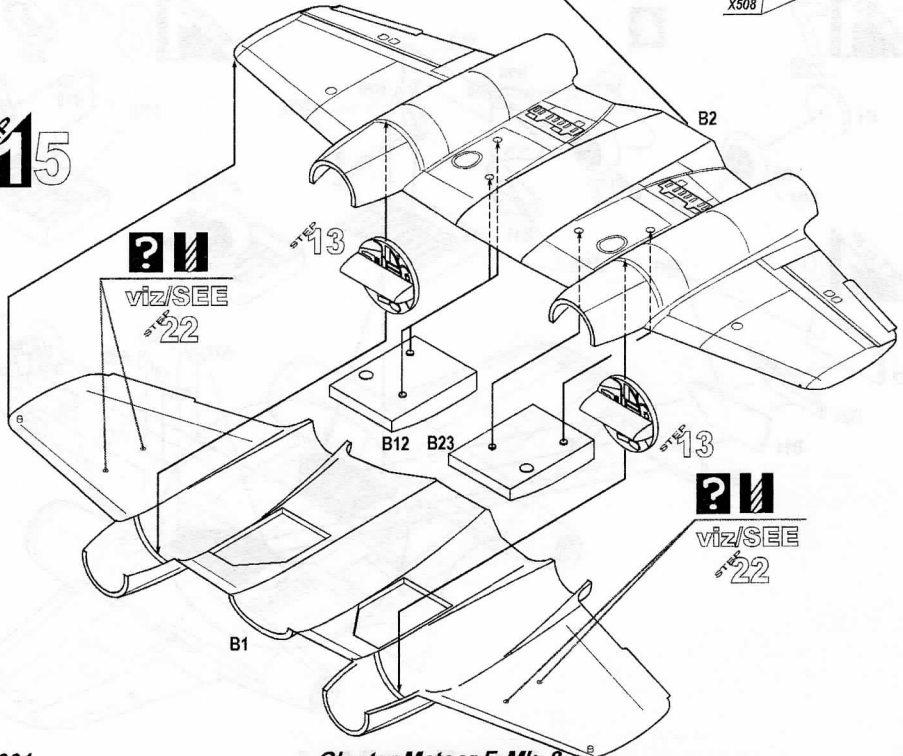
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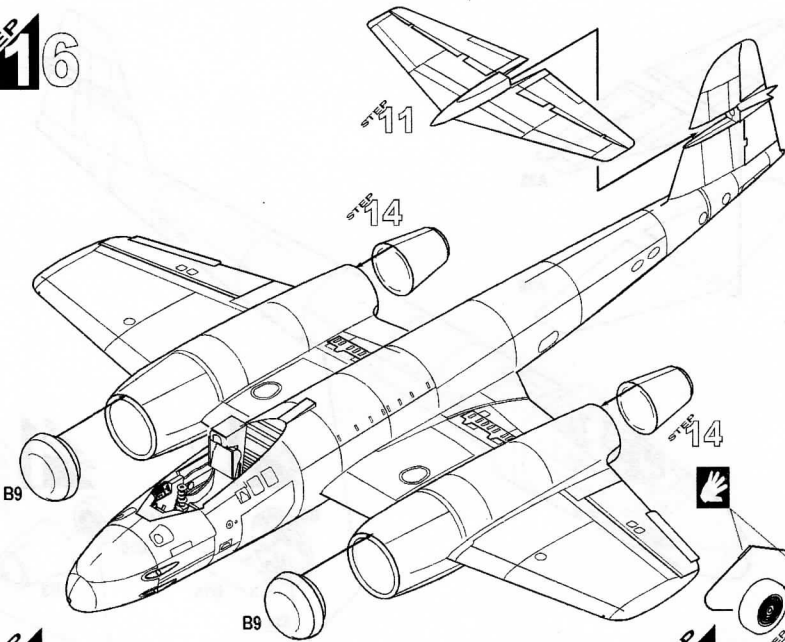


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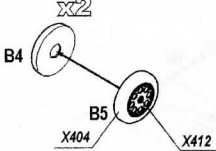


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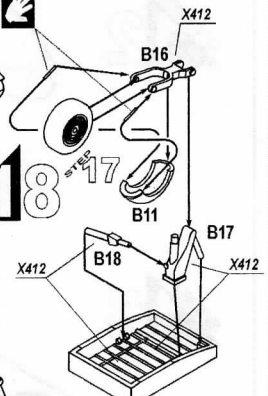
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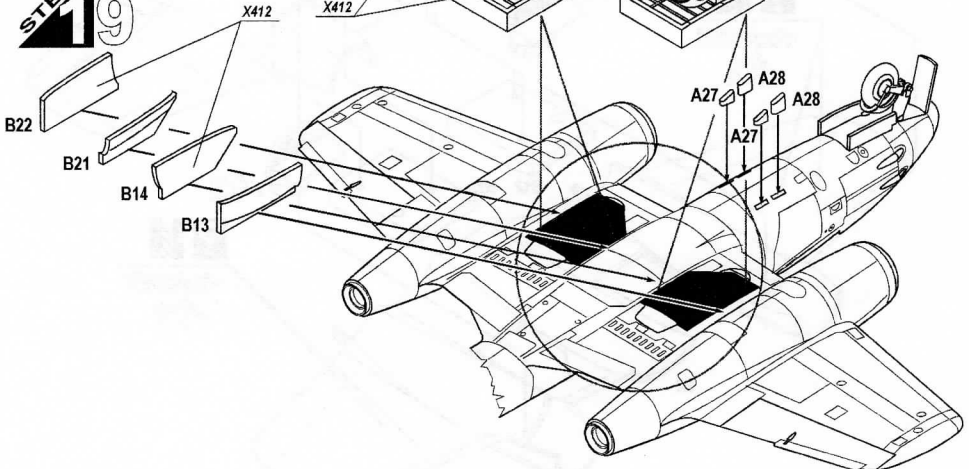
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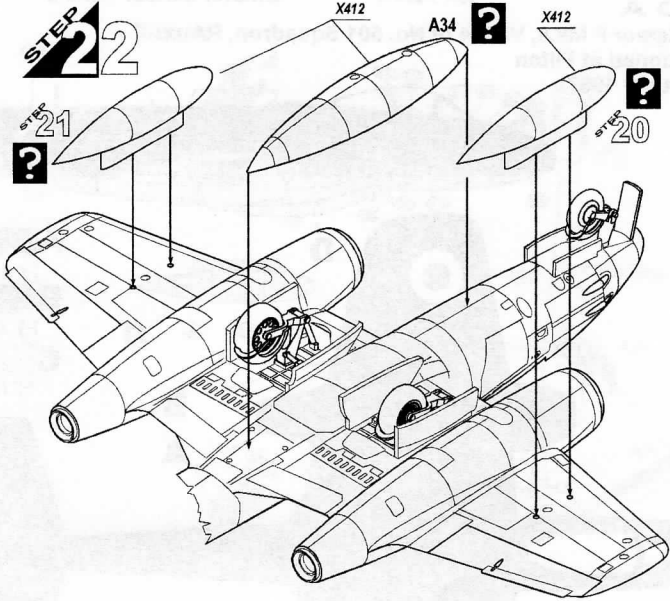
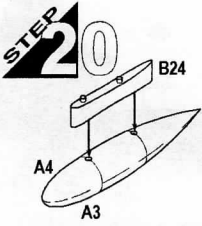
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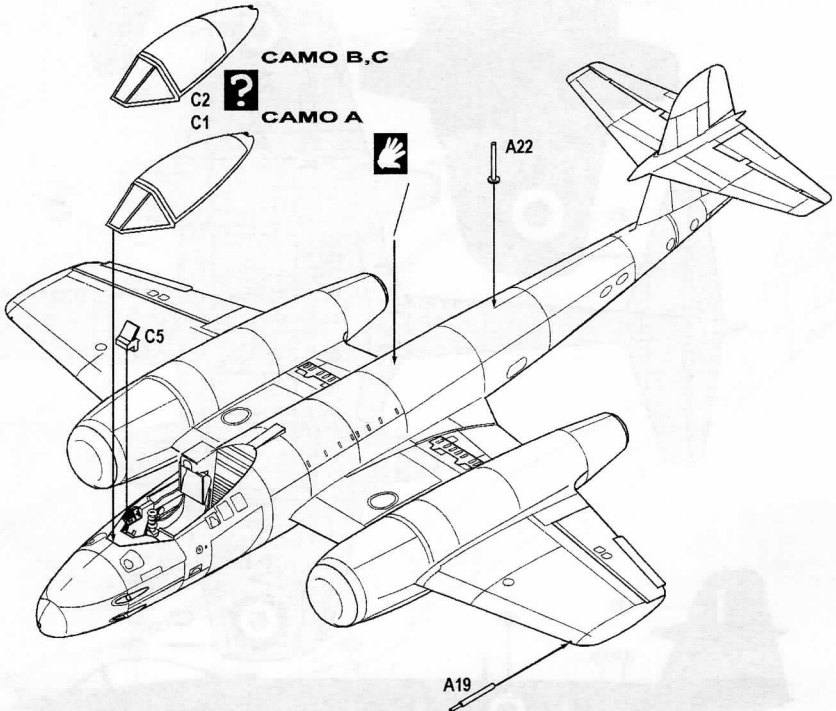
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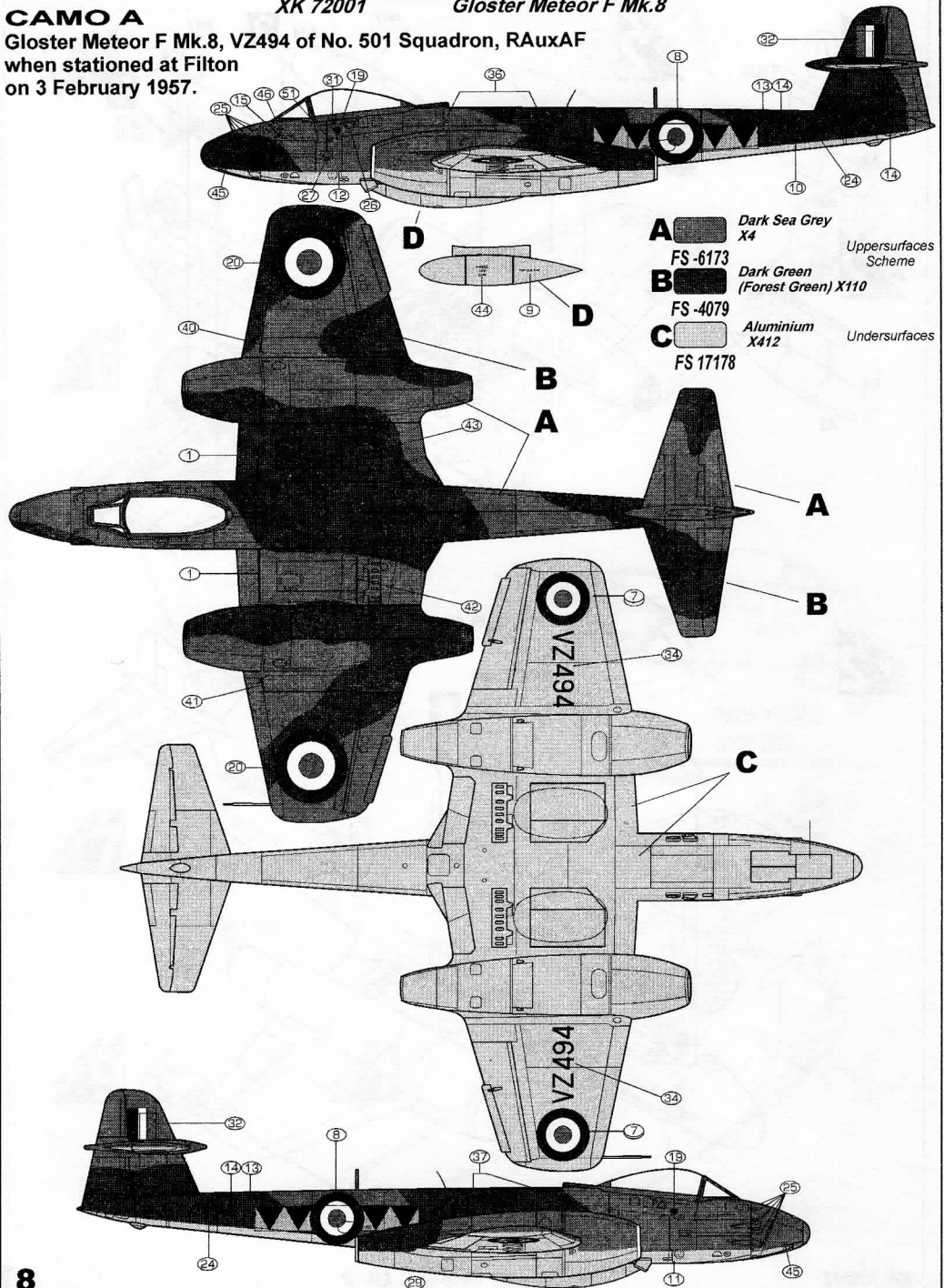


CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING

XK 72001 *Gloster Meteor F Mk.8*

CAMO A

Gloster Meteor F Mk.8, VZ494 of No. 501 Squadron, RAuxAF
when stationed at Filton
on 3 February 1957.



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| <p>A Dark Sea Grey
X4</p> <p>B Dark Green
(Forest Green) X110</p> <p>C Aluminium
X412</p> | <p>Uppersurfaces
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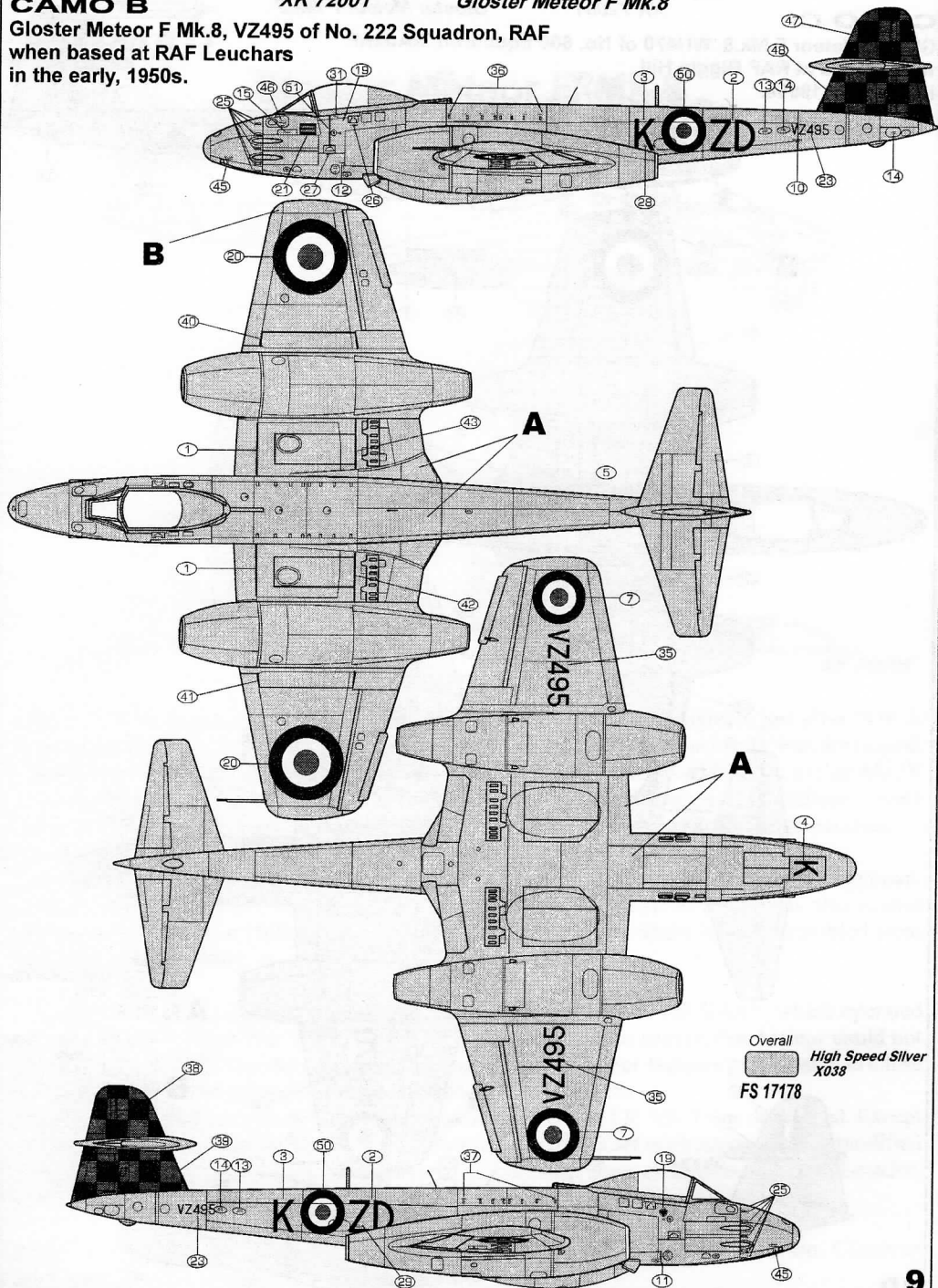
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CAMO B

Gloster Meteor F Mk.8, VZ495 of No. 222 Squadron, RAF
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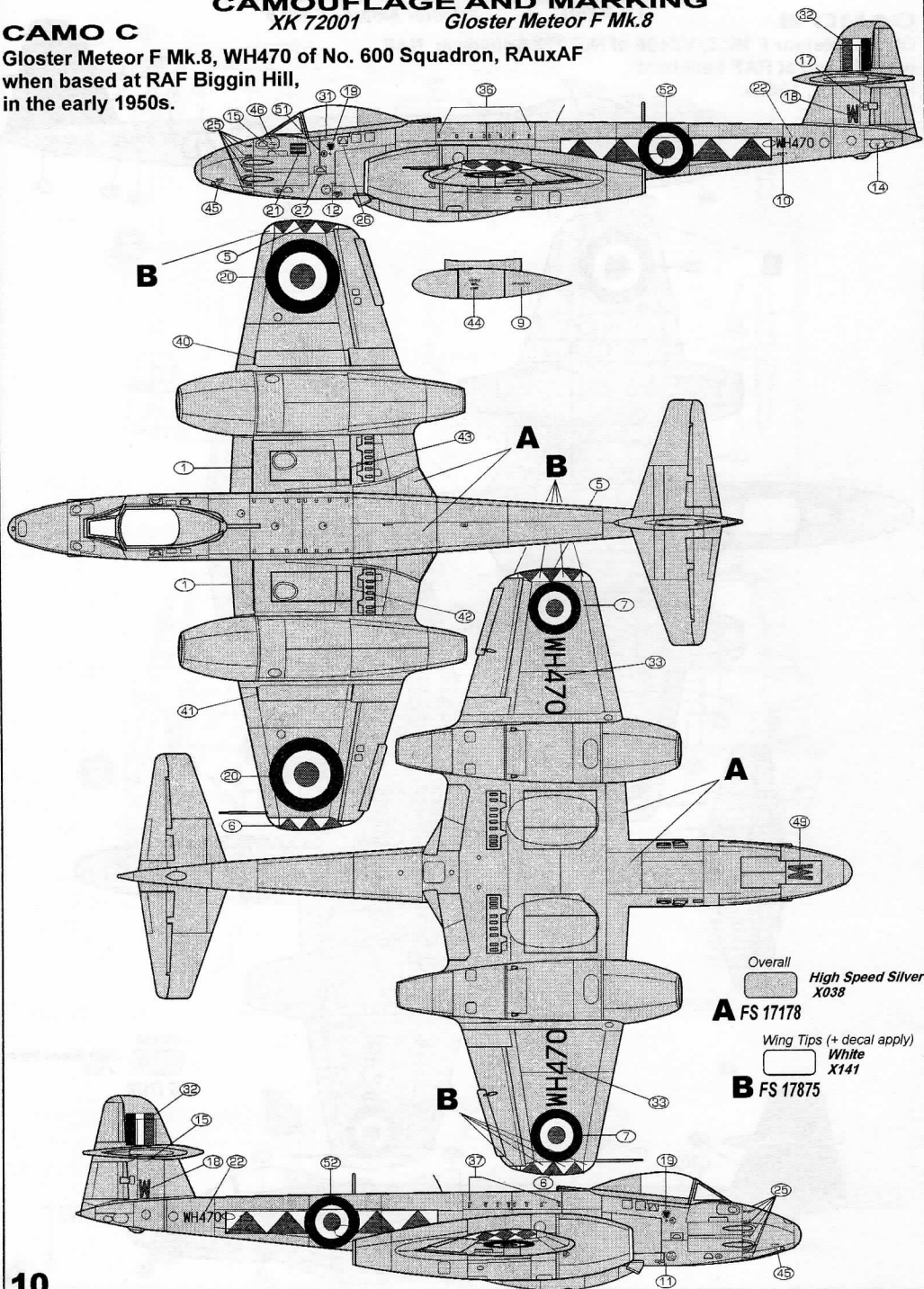


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CAMO C

Gloster Meteor F Mk.8, WH470 of No. 600 Squadron, RAuxAF
when based at RAF Biggin Hill,
in the early 1950s.



Xtrakit XK72001 Meteor F 8 Corrections

1. The Squadron bars on the fuselage are shown inverted on the instructions. Yellow segments at the top as on the box illustration
2. The kit includes both early small B9 and late large B7, engine intakes. It is often difficult to see which is used in photographs but Camo A probably had the larger size

XTRACOLOR and XTRACRYLIX Paints

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X012 Black		XA1012
X038 High Speed Silver		XA1216
X141 White		XA1141
X142 Aluminium		
X404 Tyre Black		
X508 Burnt Metal		

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