

I.A.I. Lavi

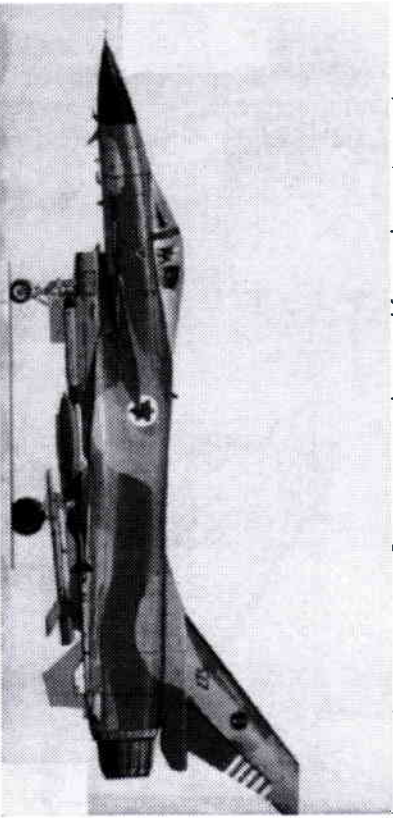
1/72 scale resin model kit #AA-2066

In the end of 1970s, the Israel Defense Force perceived that the IAI Kir was no solution for future growth. So it announced the requirement for a new combat aircraft which powered by a much more powerful engine and compactable to carry more armament. In February 1980, IAI launched the Lavi program. The development phase was to involve five prototypes, the B-01/-02 was two-seats trainer, and B-03/-04/-05 were single seated. The U.S. government was also interested in the program and bore 40% development cost. The first Lavi (B-01) made its first flight in 1986. The handling was described as excellent. The second Lavi (B-02) first flight in 1987 while the U.S. government refused to support the program as the Lavi was deemed to compete against the F-16C/D on the export market. In 1988, Israeli government could not continue the project without U.S. funding, the Lavi program was cancelled. However, IAI used its own finance to complete the Lavi TD (Technology Demonstrator) by using parts from the B-01 and B-02. The Lavi TD made it first flight in 1989 and used for flying tested until 1998.

Specifications:

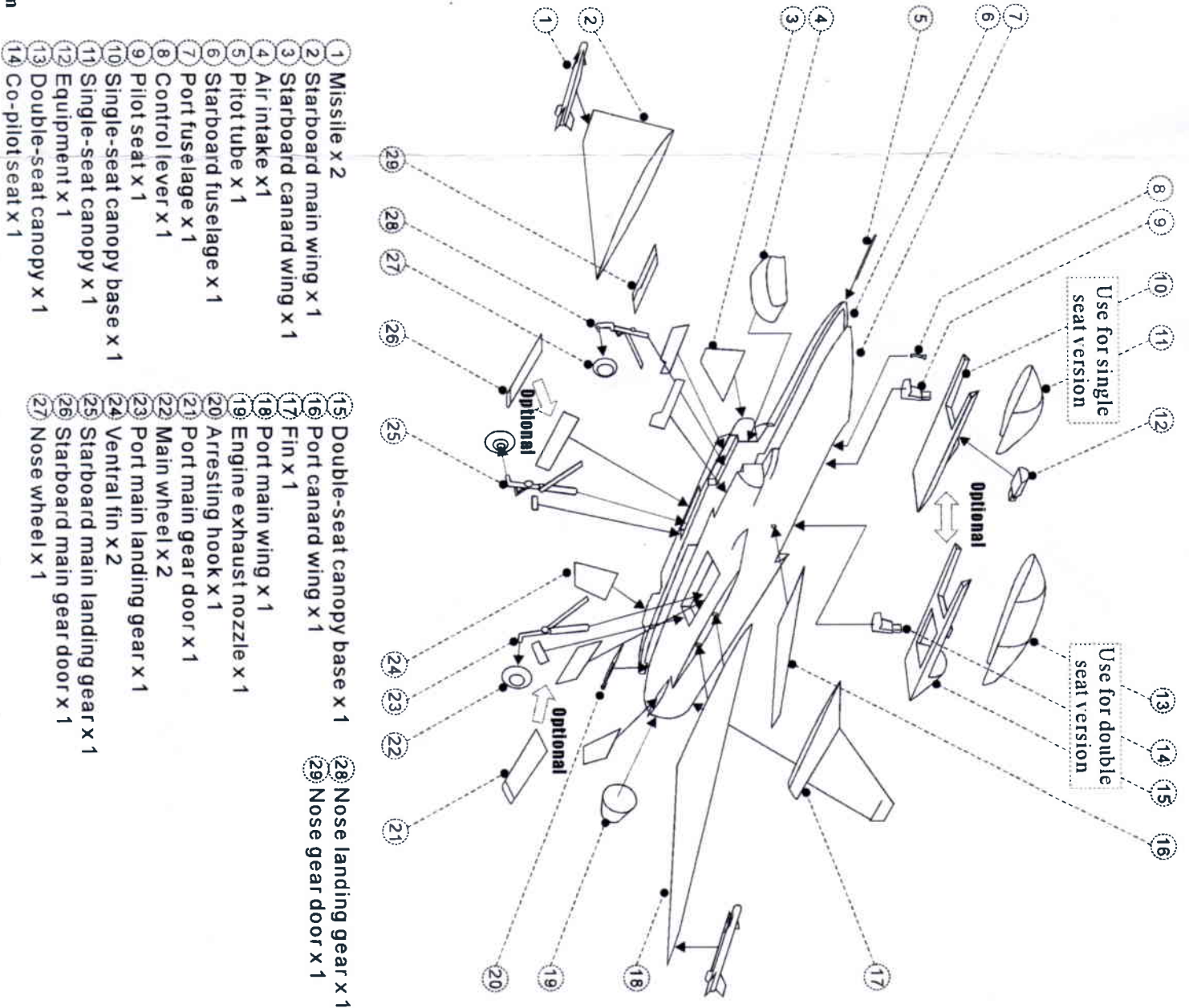
- Span - 28ft. 10in.
- Length - 47ft. 10in.
- Height - 15ft. 8in.
- Powerplants - 1x Pratt & Whitney PW1120 turbofan
- Crew - 1
- Max speed - 1220 mph
- Armament - 30mm DEFA cannon
2x Rafael Python 3 air-to-air missile

The third, fourth, fifth prototype and production fighter were single-seated.







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Painting & Decals

-  Mid Grey
(Cockpit interior)
(Landing gears)
-  Burn Iron
(After burner)
-  White
(Overall)
(Landing gears)
(Tires)
(Nose)
(Fin leading edge)
-  Semi gloss black
(Nose)
(Tires)
(Fin leading edge)

