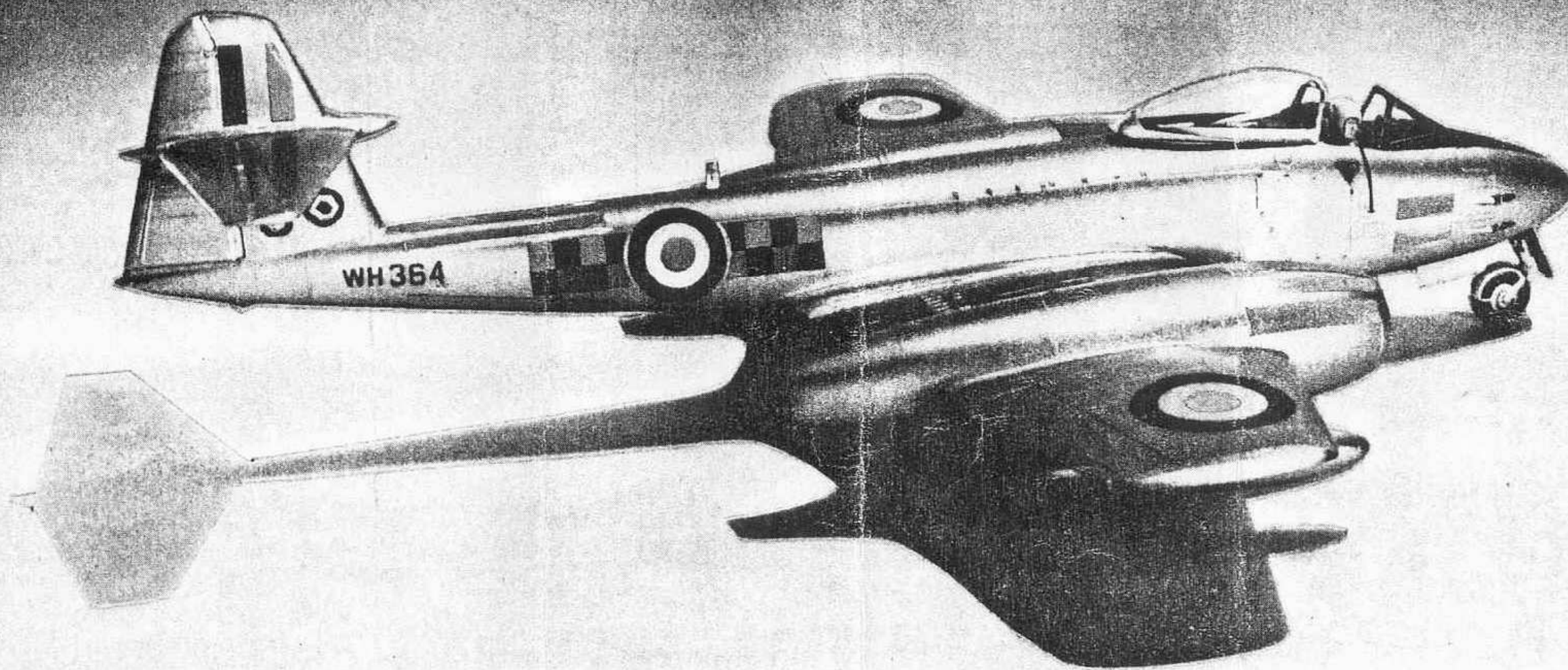


Gloster Meteor F. Mk 8

1:72 SCALE VACUUM-FORMED MODEL AIRCRAFT KIT

This kit contains highly-detailed vacforms moulded in styrene, clear transparencies, multi-view scale plans, picture and article references, colouring and marking details. You to add decals of your choice.



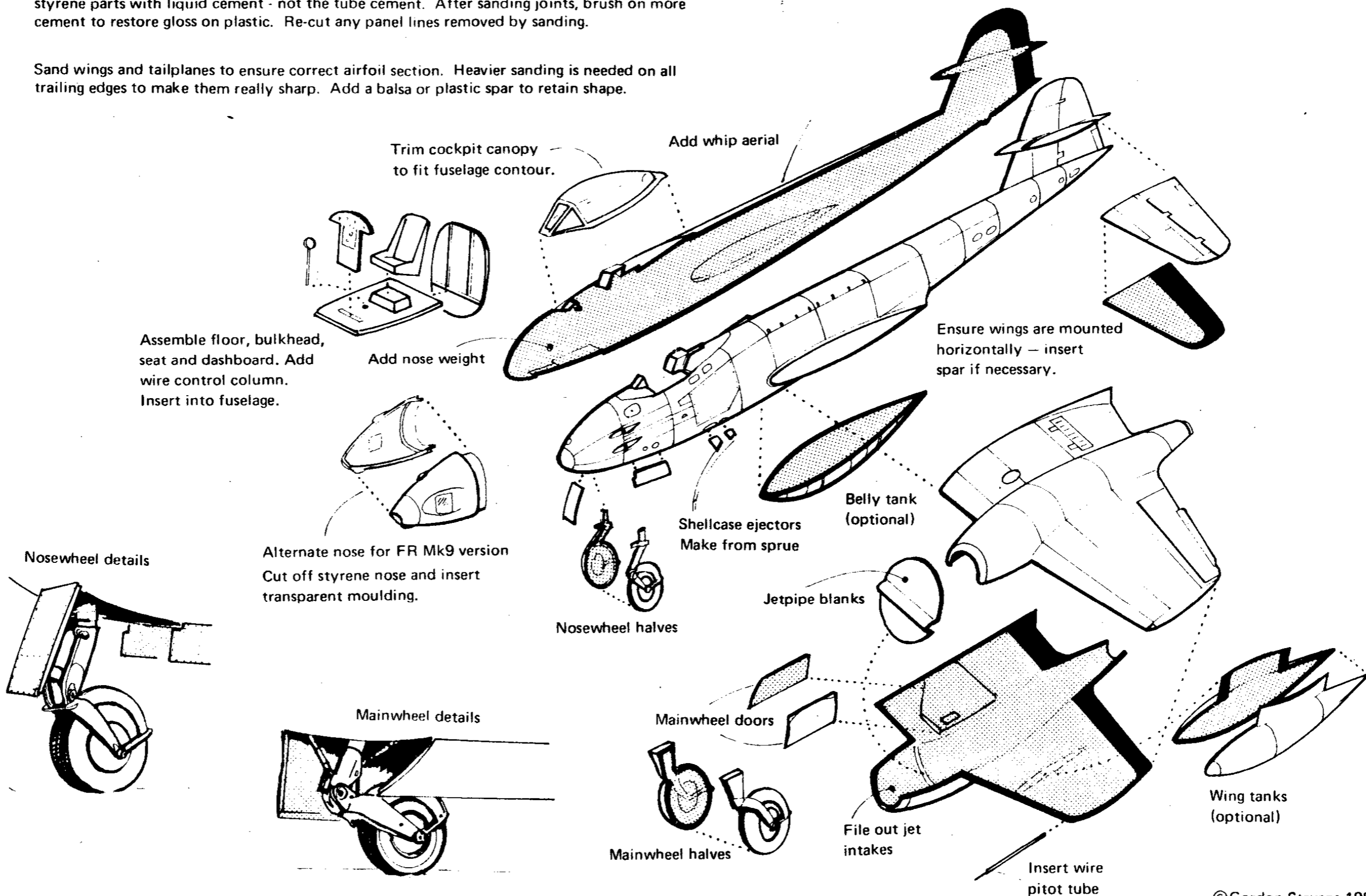
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Cut lightly around each moulded part and snap off excess plastic with small pliers. Now smooth all cut edges on a flat sheet of wet & dry sandpaper until a good centreline joint is achieved.

Add auto body filler to inside of thin parts for strength - do not use body putty. Cement styrene parts with liquid cement - not the tube cement. After sanding joints, brush on more cement to restore gloss on plastic. Re-cut any panel lines removed by sanding.

Sand wings and tailplanes to ensure correct airfoil section. Heavier sanding is needed on all trailing edges to make them really sharp. Add a balsa or plastic spar to retain shape.

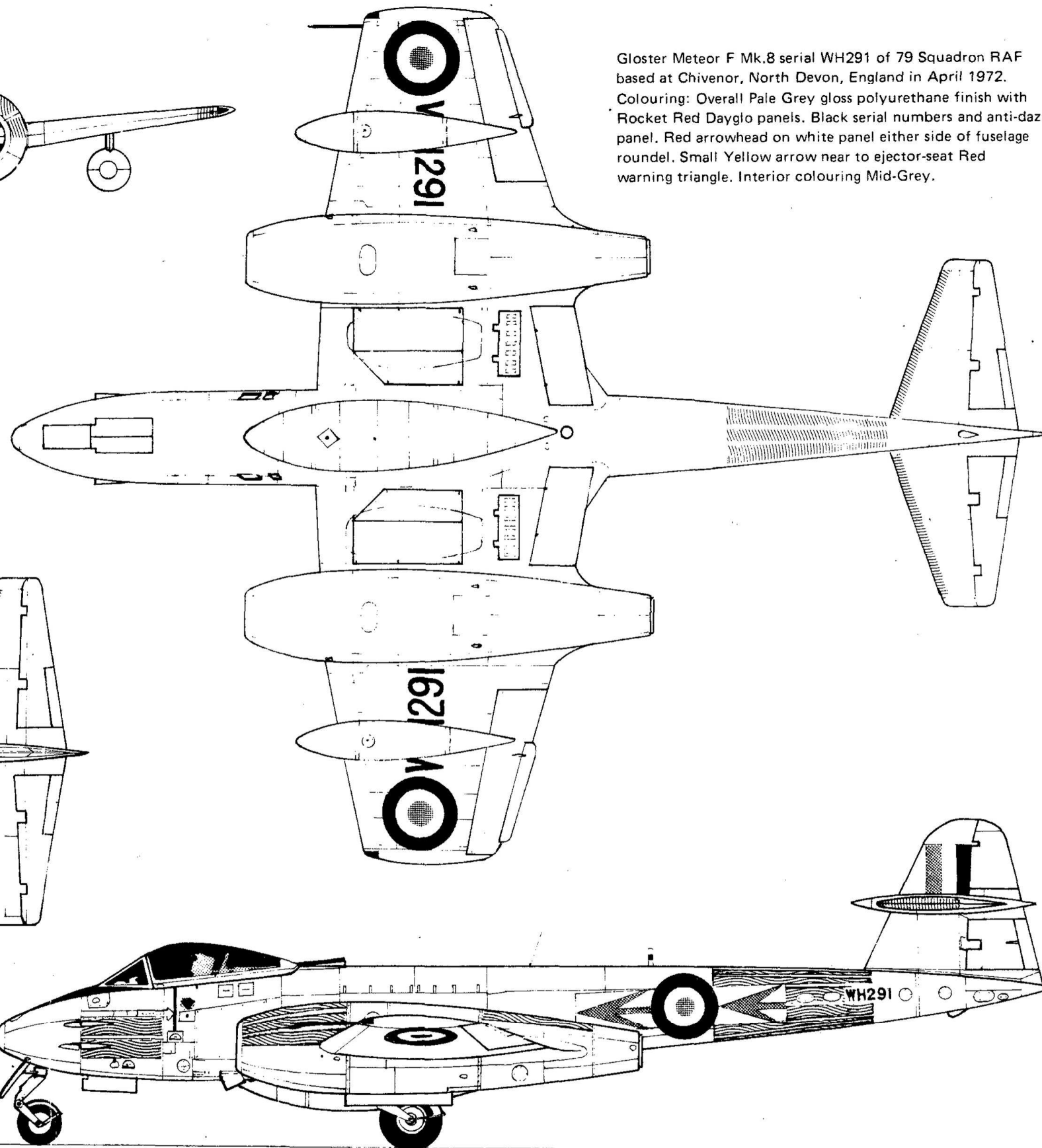
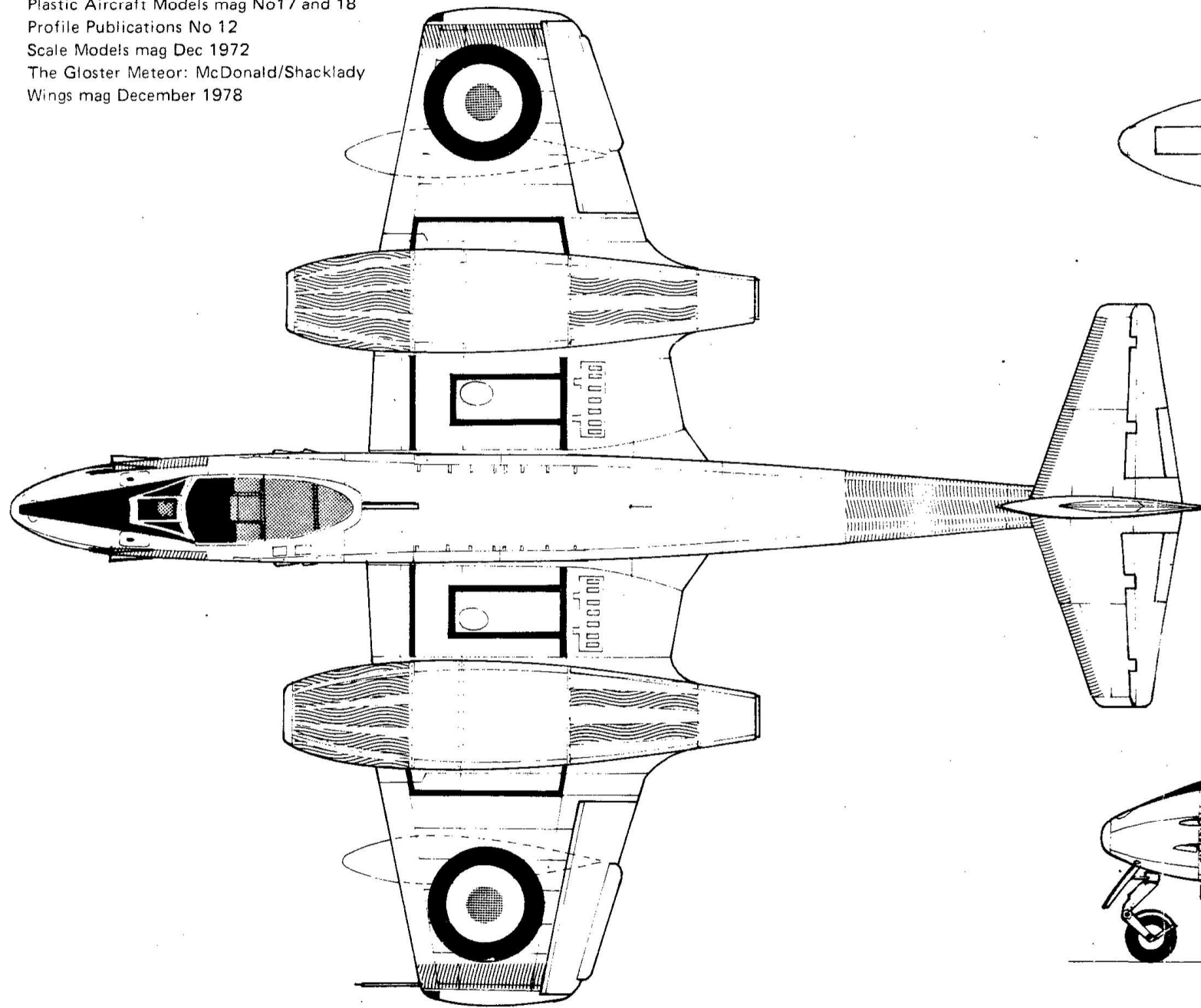
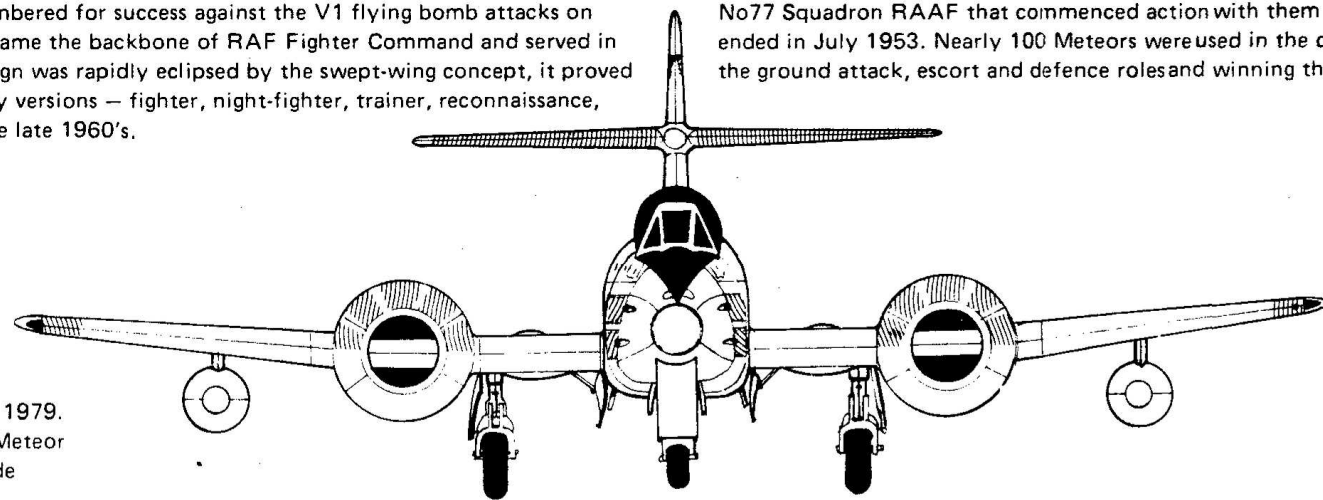
Leave a fingerhold 'tail' on small parts when shaping them. Use 10-second cyanoacrylate glue to bond tiny parts, transparencies and rigging wires in place. Fill small gaps and joints with plasticene modelling clay.



Britain's first operational jet fighter, the Gloster Meteor, saw only limited combat in the last months of WW2 and its activities are mostly remembered for success against the V1 flying bomb attacks on England. In post-war years the Meteor became the backbone of RAF Fighter Command and served in many foreign air forces. Although the design was rapidly eclipsed by the swept-wing concept, it proved tough and adaptable and appeared in many versions — fighter, night-fighter, trainer, reconnaissance, drone, etc — and so it soldiered on into the late 1960's.

The Meteor Mk8 was supplied to the Australian Government at the time of the Korean war and it was No77 Squadron RAAF that commenced action with them in July 1951, continuing until the war ended in July 1953. Nearly 100 Meteors were used in the conflict, making 19,000 individual sorties in the ground attack, escort and defence roles and winning the USAF Distinguished Unit Citation.

References on the Gloster Meteor Mk8:
 Scale Aircraft Modelling magazine March 1979.
 This contains an extensive review of the Meteor in all versions, with many pictures and side profiles, colour notes and historical text.
 Aircraft Illustrated mag March 1974: RAAF in Korea
 Flight mag 8, October 1954: FR Versions
 IPMS Britain mag May/June 1977 and June 1970
 Plastic Aircraft Models mag No17 and 18
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 Scale Models mag Dec 1972
 The Gloster Meteor: McDonald/Shacklady
 Wings mag December 1978



Gloster Meteor F Mk.8 serial WH291 of 79 Squadron RAF based at Chivenor, North Devon, England in April 1972.
 Colouring: Overall Pale Grey gloss polyurethane finish with Rocket Red Dayglo panels. Black serial numbers and anti-dazz panel. Red arrowhead on white panel either side of fuselage roundel. Small Yellow arrow near to ejector-seat Red warning triangle. Interior colouring Mid-Grey.