

1936: Britain Highest!

Bristol 138A, British high altitude research aircraft, built in 1936 and powered by two stage supercharged Bristol Pegasus engine. Was to be fitted originally with a retractable undercarriage but completed with lightweight fixed assembly. First flight on May 11 with a standard Pegasus IV driving a three-bladed propeller, piloted by Cyril Uwins. On 28 September 1936, Swain took off from Farnborough and climbed to an indicated 51,000 ft, that was homologated later by the FAI as a world's record of 49,967 ft. On 30 June 1937, Flight Lieutenant M.J. Adam undertook a 2¼-hour flight in which he achieved a record altitude, later homologated at 53,937 ft. Despite the cockpit canopy cracking, Adam was saved from injury by his pressure suit. After this, research flights continued but no further records were attempted.



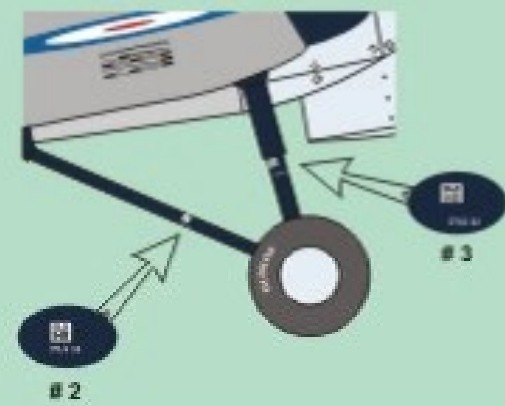
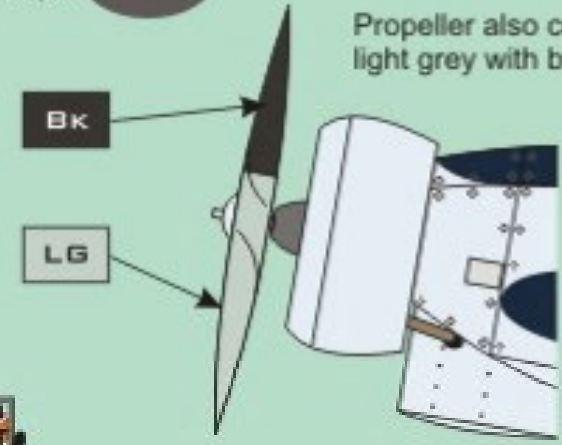
both sides of each tyre

Propeller also coloured light grey with black backsides.

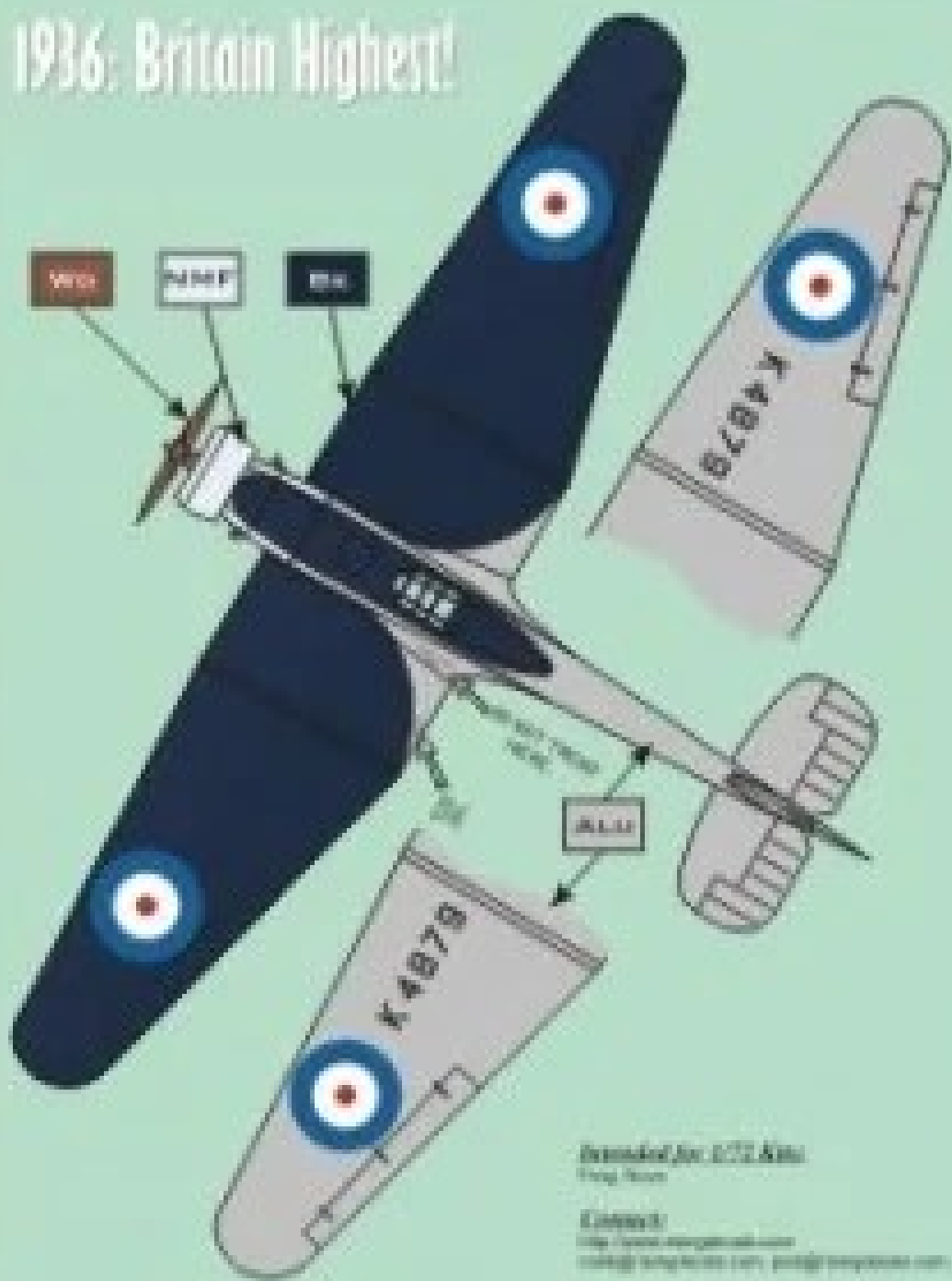
Starboard side u/c legs stencils placement.

Used colours (Tamiya range)

NMF	Natural Metal
ALU	Aluminium dope
BK	Black
LG	Light Grey
WD	Wood
TR	Tyre Black



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Designed by: G.D. King
First flight:

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