

AGGRESSIVE

SCOOTERS

part 1

Complete markings for 4 U. S. Navy
Aggressor Skyhawks.

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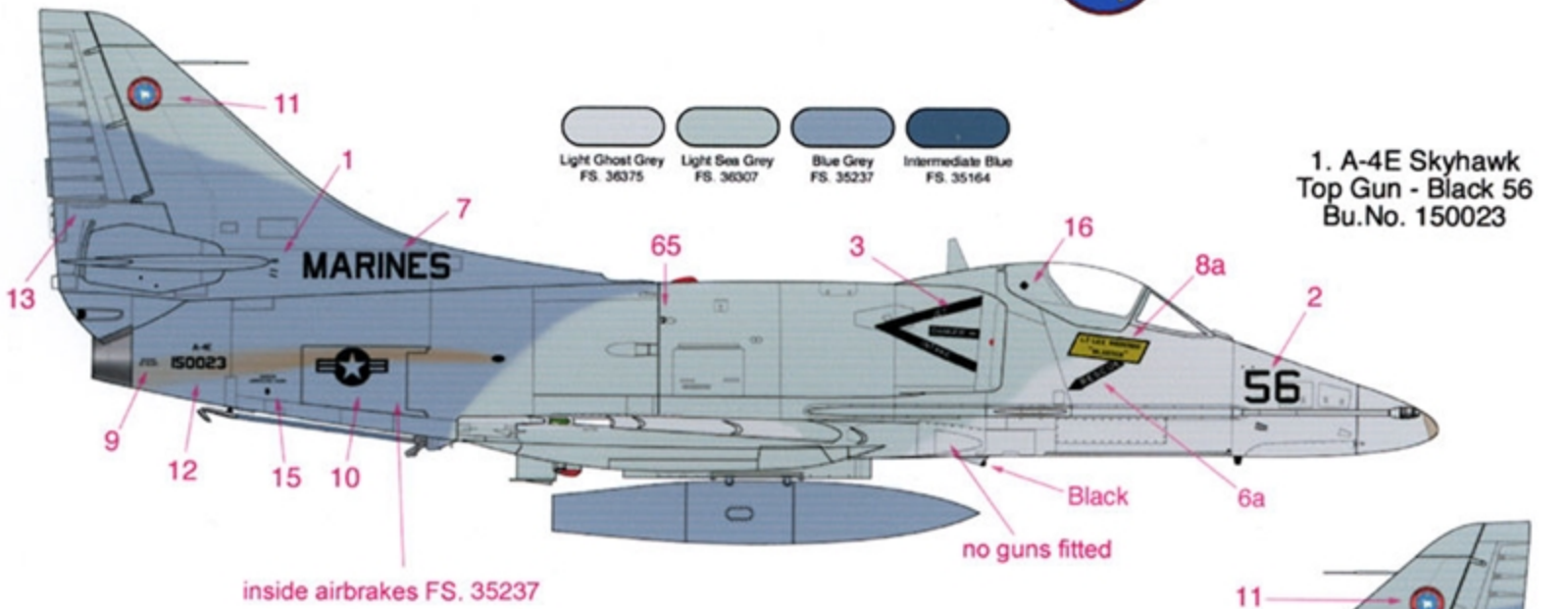
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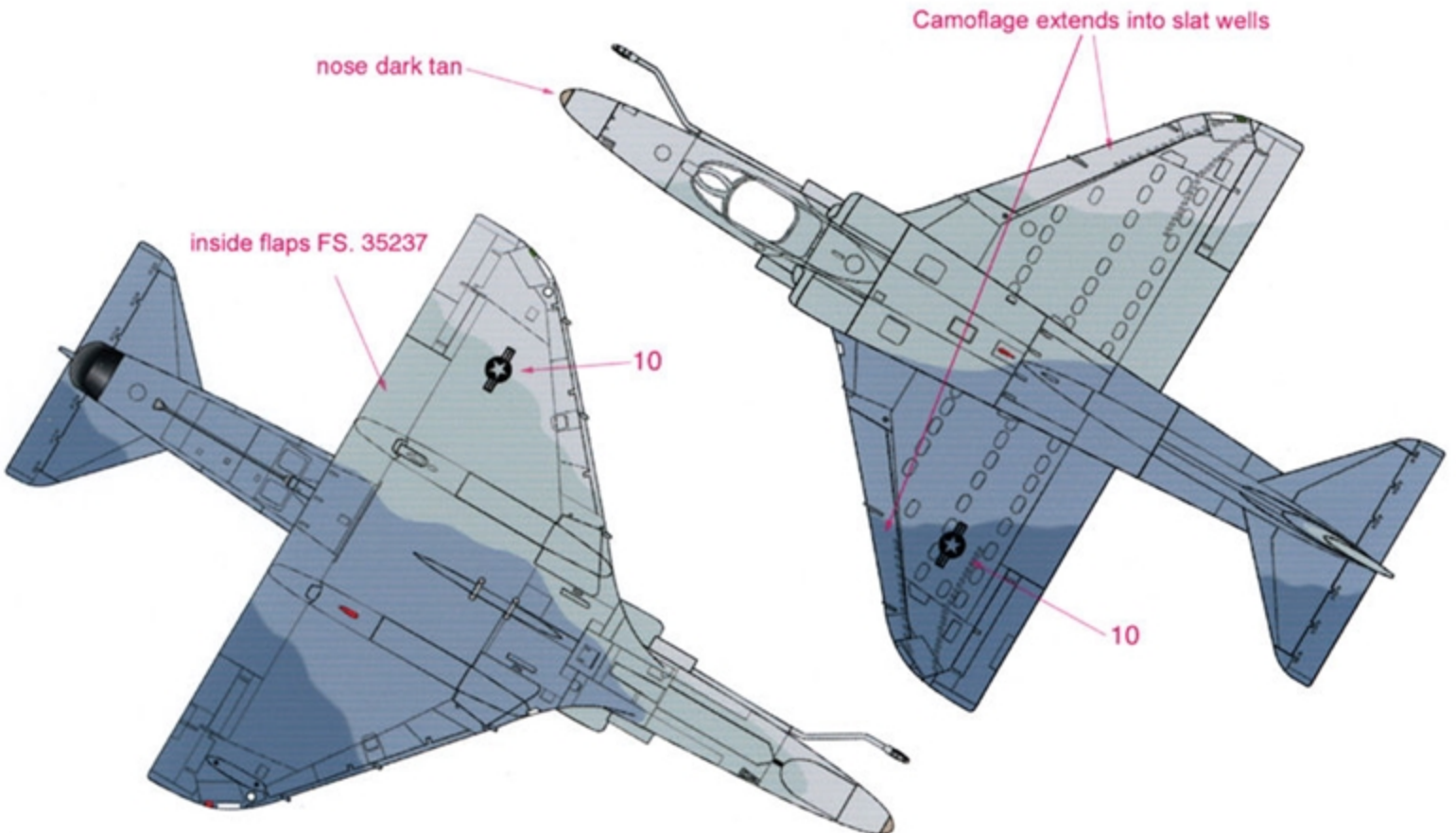
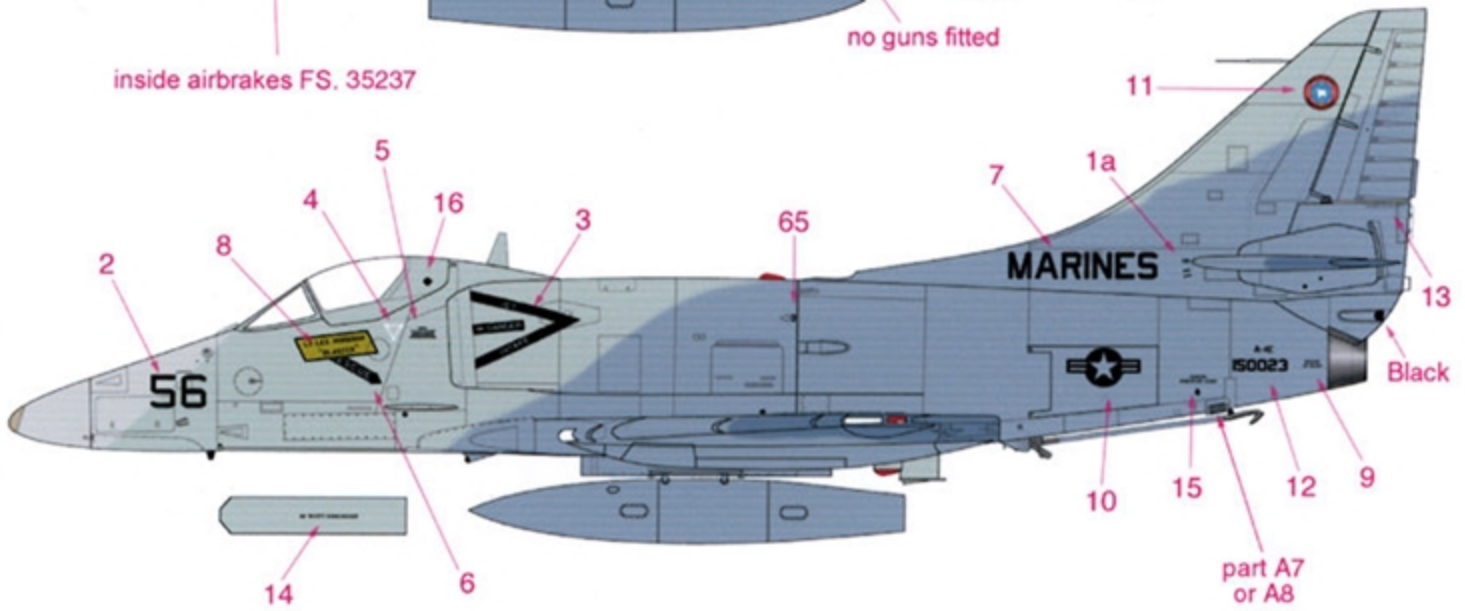


1. A-4E Skyhawk
Top Gun - Black 56
Bu.No. 150023

-  Light Ghost Grey FS. 36375
-  Light Sea Grey FS. 36307
-  Blue Grey FS. 35237
-  Intermediate Blue FS. 35164

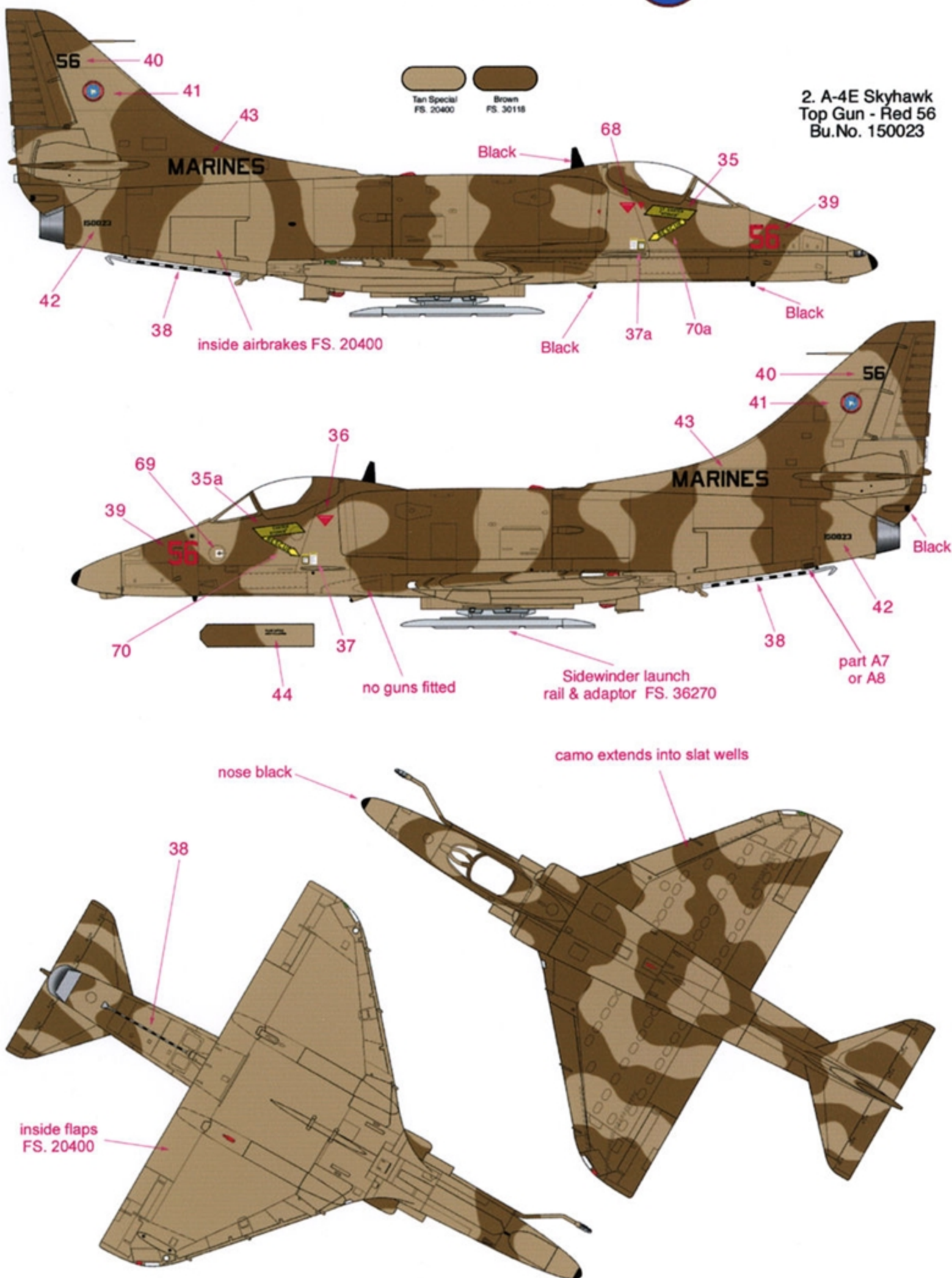


inside airbrakes FS. 35237



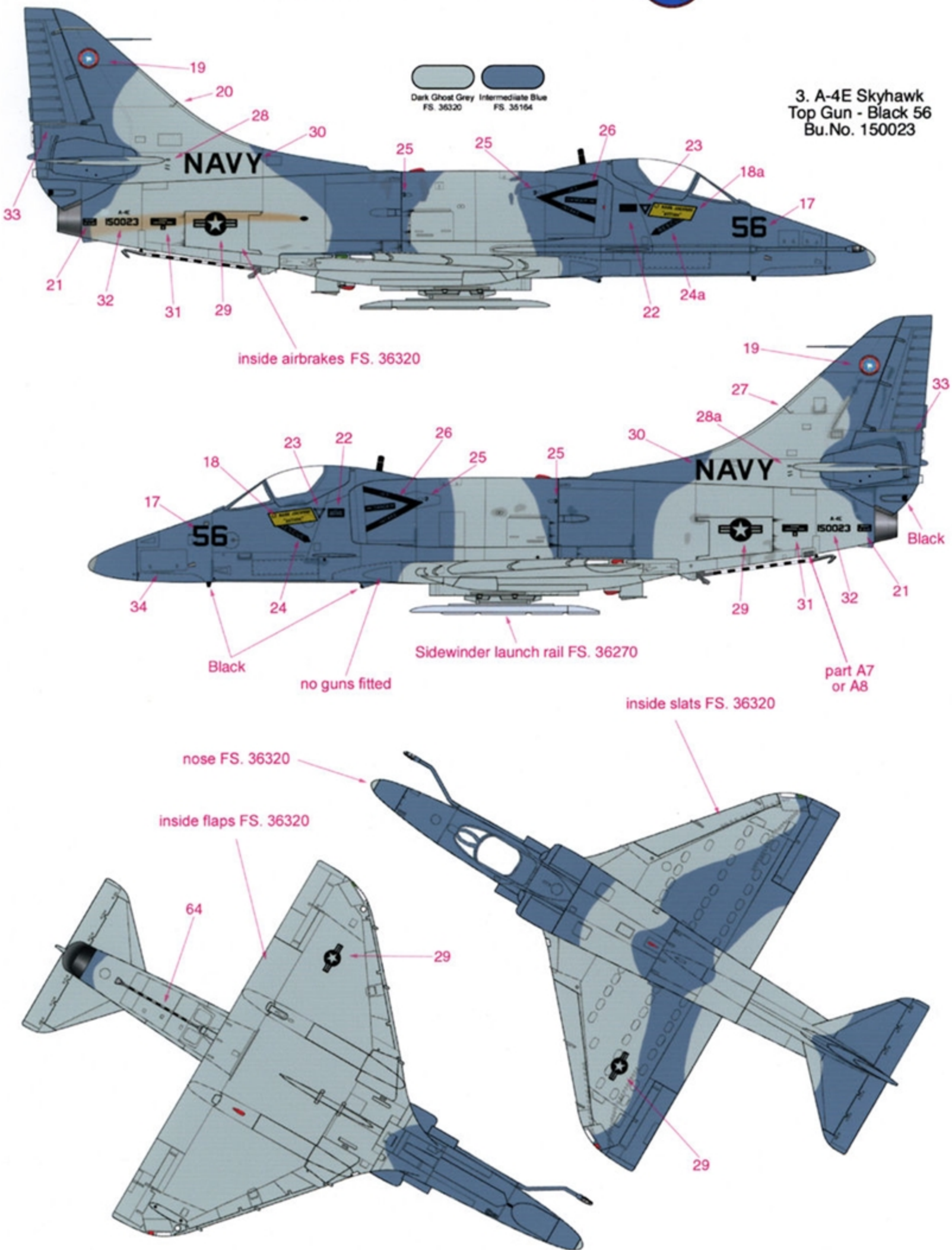


2. A-4E Skyhawk
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3. A-4E Skyhawk
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Camouflage colours:

Top Gun Skyhawks are not always painted in exact Federal standard FS595 colours. I have included these FS colours as a guide. I have also included Tamiya acrylic paint mixes that approximate these colours.

These Tamiya paint mixes are matched either to photos (I know that can be a risky thing to do!) or to actual FS paint chips. I am a firm believer in 'Scale Colour' and therefore recommend that if you do follow these Tamiya paint mixes that you also add white to the final mix in the following percentages:

1:72nd Scale: 15%

1:48th Scale: 10%

1:32nd Scale: 5%

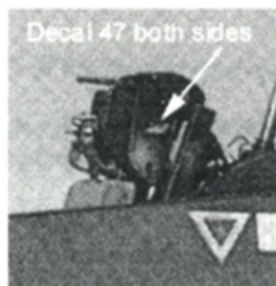
Chaff / flare dispenser, parts A7 or A8, are fitted to all of these Skyhawks.

Decals:

Handle with care as the decals can be scratched. This can be advantageous in some circumstances, not in others so be careful.

Do NOT use a scalpel blade (hobby knife) to cut out the decals, as this will leave a raised ridge on the decal edge. Please use small scissors as these will burr-over the edge helping the decal to settle down onto a glossy surface.

Decal only needs to be soaked in water for about 10 seconds.



Decals no. 47 are to be applied either side of the ejection seat

Decal no. 71 fits onto the ejection firing handle part E33, and decal no. 72 fits around ejection firing handle part E34. I recommend slightly flattening the front surface of the firing handle E34 before fitting the decal.

Remember to add the main colour element of the Top Gun logo (11, 19, 41, and 59) before the yellow 'target' decal. Please allow the main colour decal to sufficiently dry before doing this or you'll be chasing the decal all over the fin trying to get the two decals to align properly!

Scheme 1. A-4E Skyhawk 150023 Black 56 Top Gun 1980's

Two photo's of another Skyhawk in the same camouflage scheme can be found in the book Superbase 2 - Miramar- The Home of 'Top Gun' by George Hall, on page 58 for the port side view, and in the background on page 88 you can see the starboard side of this aircraft.

I'm pointing these pages out to you so that if you have the book you can make your own mind up as to the camouflage colours.

Decals

Make sure to apply the RESCUE arrows 6 and 6a before applying decal 8 and 8a as the RESCUE arrow just fits under the name plate

Parts E32 and F24 are not fitted to this aircraft.

Camouflage scheme:

| F.S. number | Paint Name | Tamiya Paint Number | Ratio |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
| FS 36375 | Light Ghost Grey | XF-50 Field Blue | 1 |
| | | XF-2 White | 10 |
| FS 36307 | Light Sea Grey | XF- 23 Light Blue | 1 |
| | | XF- 2 White | 1 |
| FS 35237 | Blue Grey | XF- 50 Field Blue | 1 |
| | | XF- 18 Medium Blue | 2 |
| | | XF- 2 White | 8 |
| FS 35164 | Intermediate Blue | XF- 8 Flat Blue | 1 |
| | | XF- 19 Sky Grey | 4 |

Scheme 2. A-4E Skyhawk 150023 Red 56 Top Gun 1980

A photo of this aircraft can be found on page 20 of Detail and Scale colours and markings of the US NAVY Adversary Aircraft C&M Vol 6.

Parts E32 and F24 are not fitted on this aircraft.

Camouflage Scheme:

| F.S. number | Paint Name | Tamiya Paint Number | Ratio |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|-------|
| FS 20400 | Tan Special | XF-59 Desert Yellow | 2 |
| | | XF- 2 White | 5 |
| | | XF- 7 Flat Red | 1 |
| | | XF - 3 Flat Yellow | 1 |
| FS 30118 | Brown Special | XF-64 Red Brown | 4 |
| | | XF-57 Buff | 3 |

Decals:

Make sure to apply the RESCUE arrows 70 and 70a before applying decal 35 and 35a as the RESCUE arrow just fits under the name plate

Scheme No 3. A-4E Skyhawk 150023 Black 56 Top Gun 1989

A good starboard side photo of this Skyhawk can be seen on page 36-37 of Osprey Aerospace- Aggressor aircraft by Chuck Stewart.

As you'll read in the caption on this page Bu No 150023 is Top Gun's second oldest A-4E, it has gone through six colour scheme changes in its career (three of which are on this decal sheet!) and is a battle damaged Vietnam Vet! This has been one busy little Scooter!

Parts E32 and F24 are not fitted on this aircraft.

Camouflage Scheme:

| F.S. number | Paint Name | Tamiya Paint Number | Ratio |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
| FS 36320 | Dark Ghost Grey | XF-50 Field Blue | 1 |
| | | XF- 2 White | 8 |
| FS 35164 | Intermediate Blue | XF-8 Flat Blue | 1 |
| | | XF-19 Sky Grey | 4 |

Decals:

Make sure to apply decal 24 and 24a before decal 18 and 18a as the RESCUE arrow goes underneath the nameplate decal.

Scheme 4. A-4E Skyhawk 152080 Black 62 Top Gun 1992

Unfortunately I have been unable to locate any photos of this aircraft in any of the reference books I have.

I came across photos of this Skyhawk on the Internet and after down-loading them have been unable to locate them again! If anybody would like me to forward these photos I would be happy to do so. Also obviously if you happen to know where on the net this aircraft is I'd love to know!

Remember to fit part E32, but not part F24.

Camouflage Scheme:

| F.S. number | Paint Name | Tamiya Paint Number | Ratio |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|-------|
| FS 30091 | Dark Brown | XF-68 NATO Brown | 100% |
| FS 34092 | Dark Green | XF-26 Deep Green | 100% |
| FS 34102 | Green | XF-67 NATO Green | 100% |
| FS 30117 | Tan | XF-52 Flat Earth | 100% |

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