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Poland, September 1939.

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From the Editor

2019 is well under way now and by now we should have all broken our new year's resolutions. Time to get started on those 1939 themed projects and to help with some Inspiration we have a little piece of 1939 history later in this edition. While your are at it don't forget to pay your subs for this year.

This year's nationals are to be held over the weekend of 7&8 September at the Air Force Museum, Wigram, Christchurch. Sounds like a great venue and hopefully a great show so start planning your trip now!

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Airfix 1/48 Hawker Sea Fury FB 11

By Brett Peacock



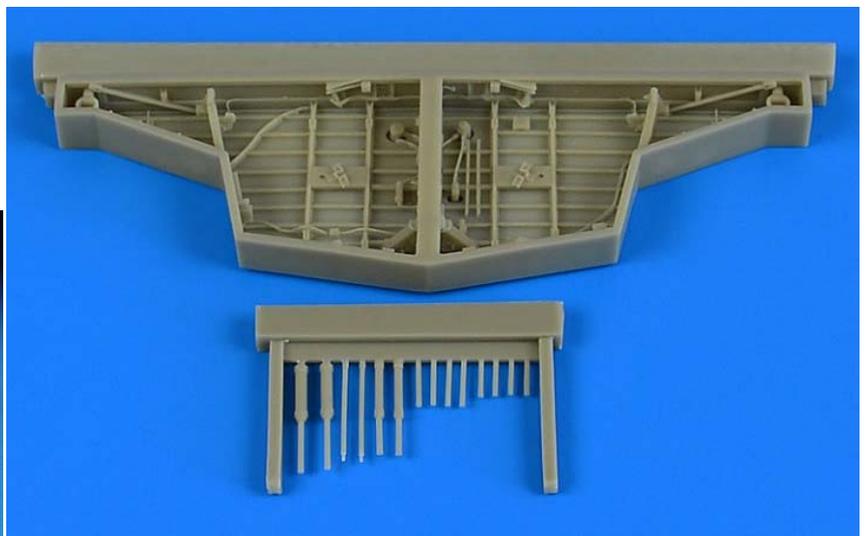
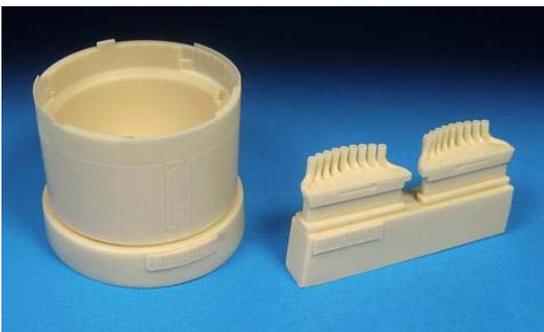
1:48 HAWKER SEA FURY FB.11

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Humbrol/Airfix kit #A06105 123 parts on 5 grey and 1 clear sprue trees, Cartograf Decals for 2 options & Instructions in the “new Airfix” style and booklet. New Zealand retail price approx \$78.00. Box art is also well up to “New Airfix” dramatic standards!

Airfix’s new Sea Fury kit was, to use something of an understatement, anxiously anticipated ever since its announcement in 2017. When it began to appear in late 2018, there were a few small notes of disappointment expressed among the general shouts of approval. On the plus side, it had the option to be built with folded wings. (Not a “new Thing” – Their Walrus kit had that!) Also to its credit, the cockpit and canopy were lauded as generally correct (A Major flaw of earlier – and more recent Sea Furies – Viz HobbyCraft & Trumpeter) But, alas, all was not sugar and spice: Early test builds revealed a small issue in the engine cowling – its diameter was visibly different from the separate cowl ring at the front, and the wheels were...average rather than outstanding.

But, as usual, the aftermarket rode to the rescue with companies like Barracuda and Aires announcing and then releasing fixes for all of these as well as a new Wheel-bay for the wing, to add in some detail not included.

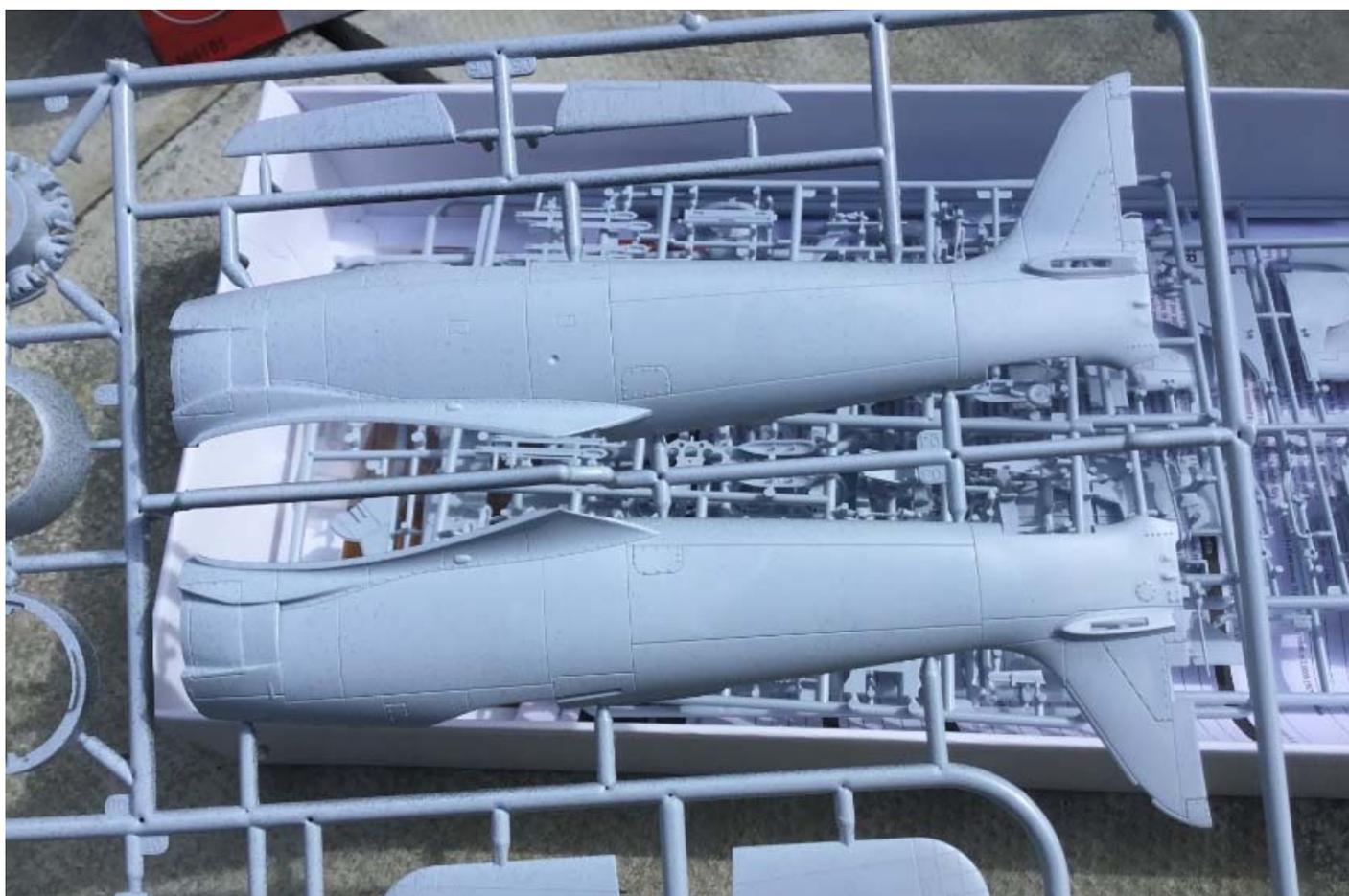


But what about the kit itself? How does it “Stack up?”



As can be seen the box is virtually filled by the 5 sprues, all neatly packed into a single large bag with the clear sprue within, separately bagged. Instruction and decals are in the bottom of the box.

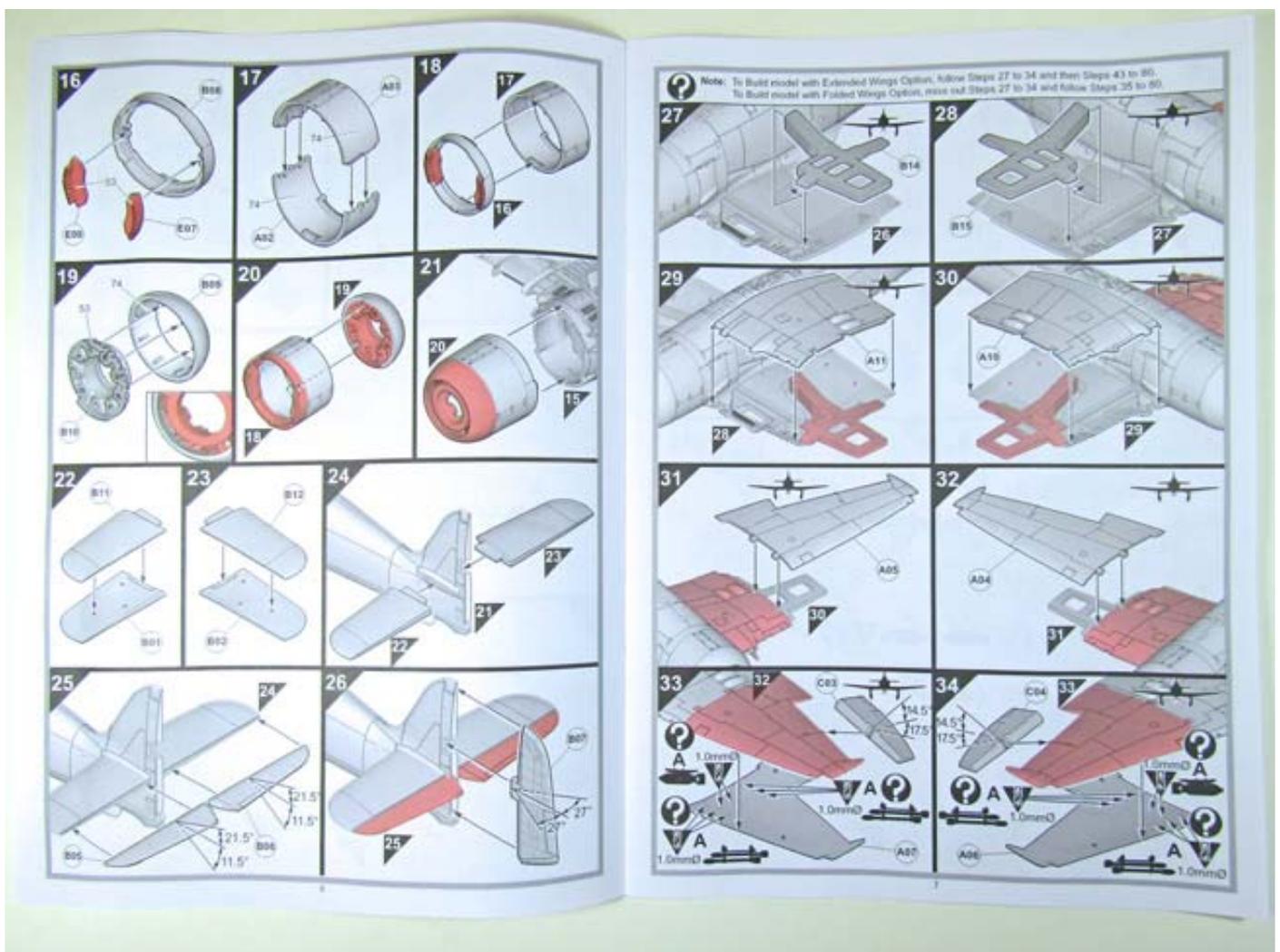
The grey sprues are moulded in a pale blue-ish grey, reminiscent of the old airfix “blue” plastic, but a bit more rigid and lighter grey in hue. (the photo above is not close in tone or hue to what was in my example. Below is closer, but still a bit darker.)



As can be seen the engraving is still a little bit heavier than other, asian, kits but should prove to hold a wash very well, and is not intrusive or over stated. (maybe just a slight emphasis is closer)

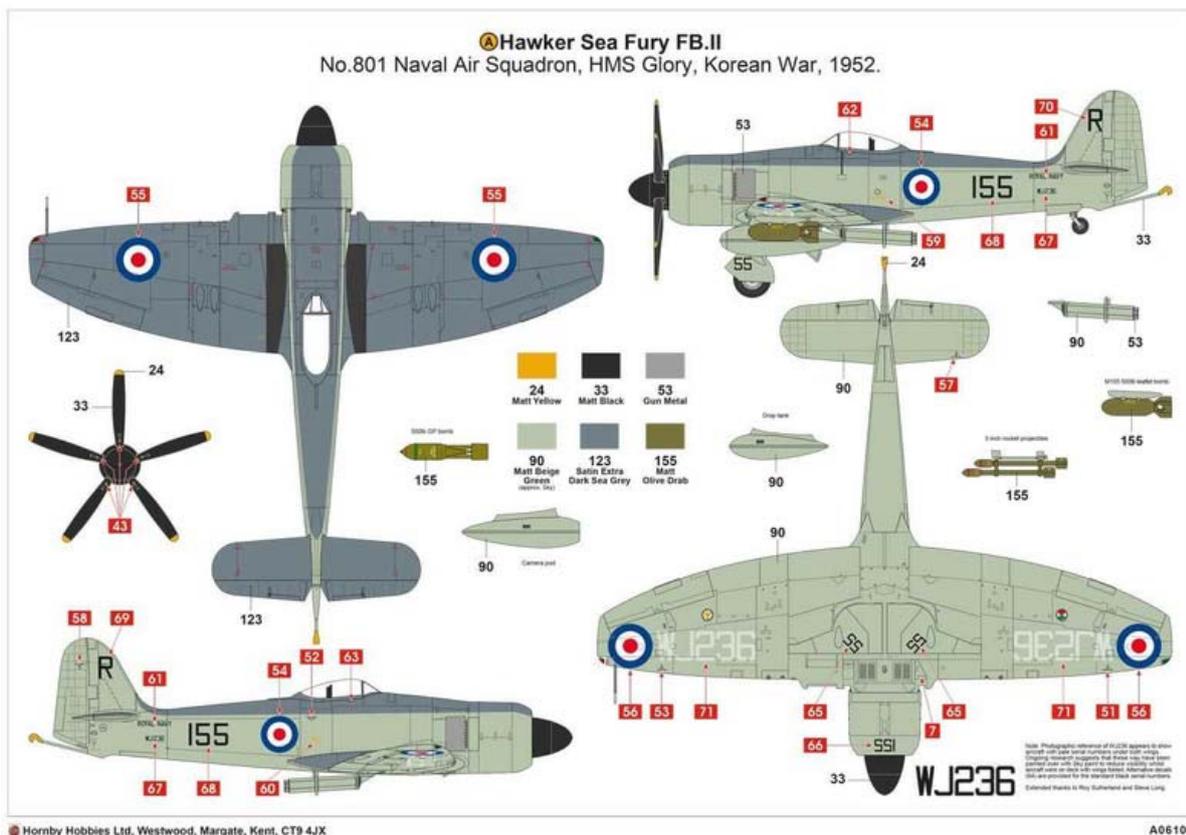
As to accuracy, I have not read of any major faux pas, noting the Cowling discrepancy and as I have the old Hobby Craft Sea Fury in a box I took it out and did a quick side by side. Yes, the Canopy and cockpit are horrible, and the fuselage opening for the cockpit is $\frac{1}{2}$ the size it should be, but, oddly, apart from the overly shallow wheel bay, it is otherwise not a bad match for the Airfix kit. In fact, you could, if using AM parts, replace the Hobbycraft wheel bay with the Airfix one easily, and use the Airfix plastic parts to replace the HC Cockpit also. You are on your own opening out the cockpit, and a replacement Canopy would be needed, but you could do it fairly easily. The HobbyCraft wings are not foldable, but seem to be a close match for Airfix wings otherwise.

The instructions are, as is now normal, in the "New Airfix" style, with colour used to assist with placement of each step in the subsequent step.

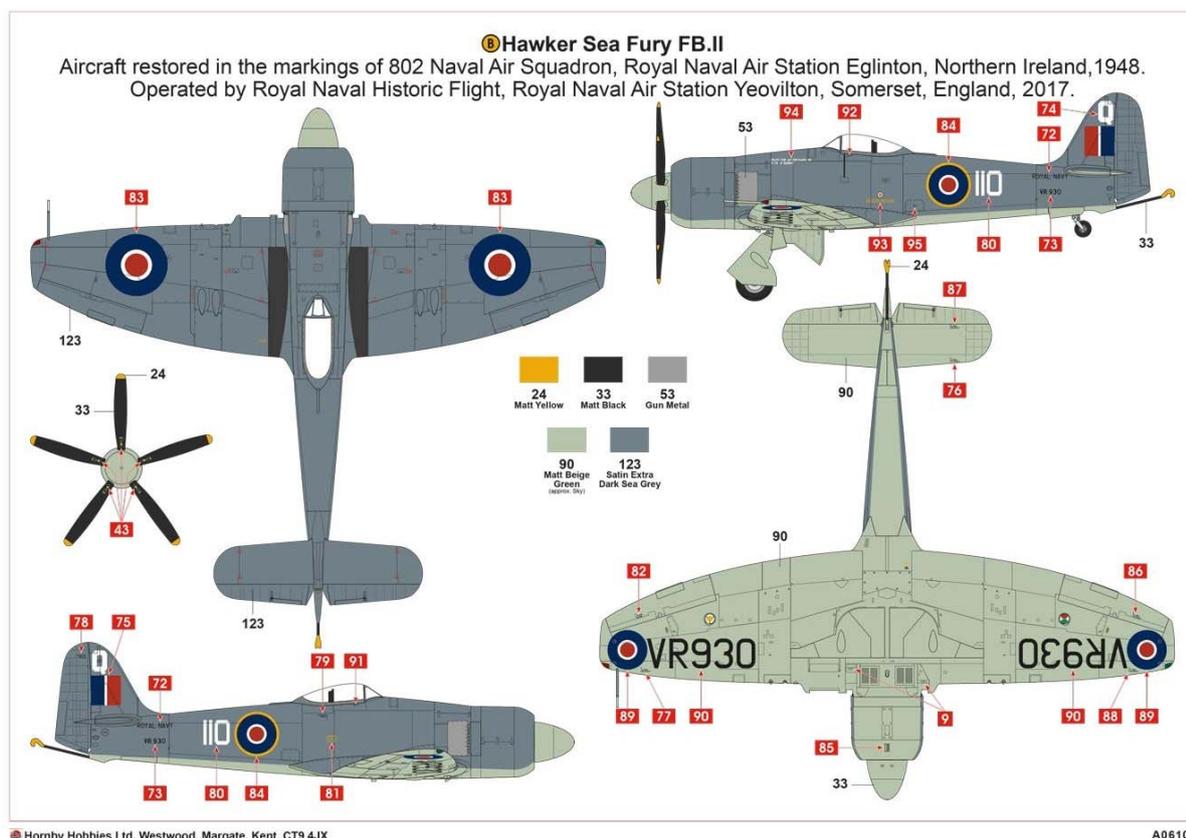


The marking options are:

A: No 801 Naval Air Squadron, HMS Glory, Korean War, 1952



B: 802 Naval Air Squadron, RNAS Eglinton, Northern Ireland, 1948 (Marking now used by the RN Historic Flight at Yeovilton, 2017)

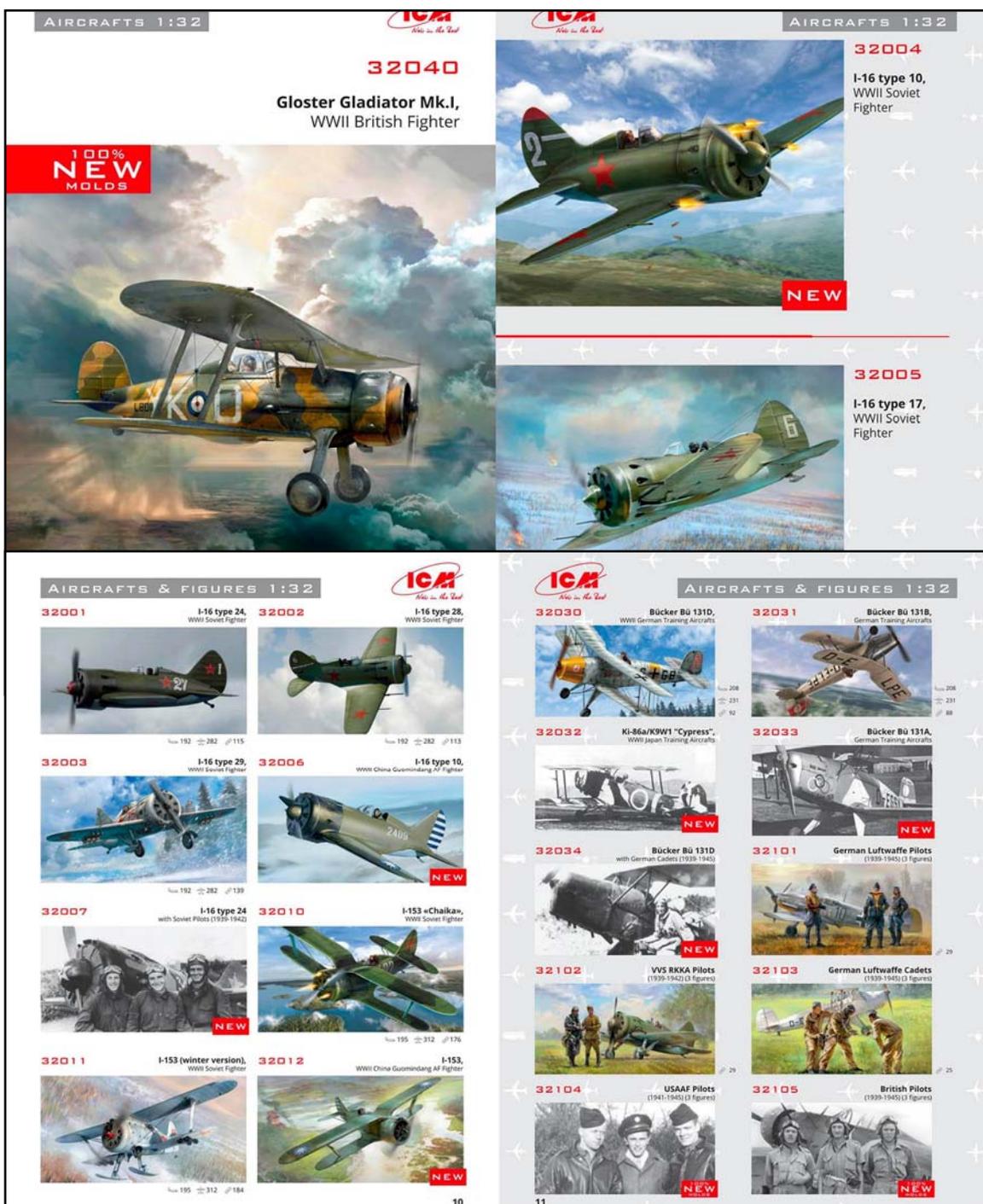


With the exception of Foreign user of the Sea Fury, these are the only two camouflage schemes the Royal Navy put onto the aircraft. (Airfix have promised a “Foreign Users” Boxing later in 2019, and a second RN boxing is already on the market!)

With not one but 2 differing Extra Dark Sea Grey over Sky options, what is not to love about one of the great Post war Prop driven Fighter Aircraft? Extras in the kit include Drop tanks, a recon Pod, Rockets and bombs and a RATO pack. Curiously, given their proclivity for including one, there is no pilot figure in the kit, but that is really a very minor thing, as the rest is quite excellent.

Is it worth your time and money?. That would be a resounding yes...I have already bought a second kit, pending purchase of the new Xtradecal sheet for this from Hannants, UK.

A couple of pages from ICM – New and Catalog kits in 1/32, courtesy of Brett Peacock



AIRFIX 1:48 BLENHEIM MK.1F KIT No.A09186

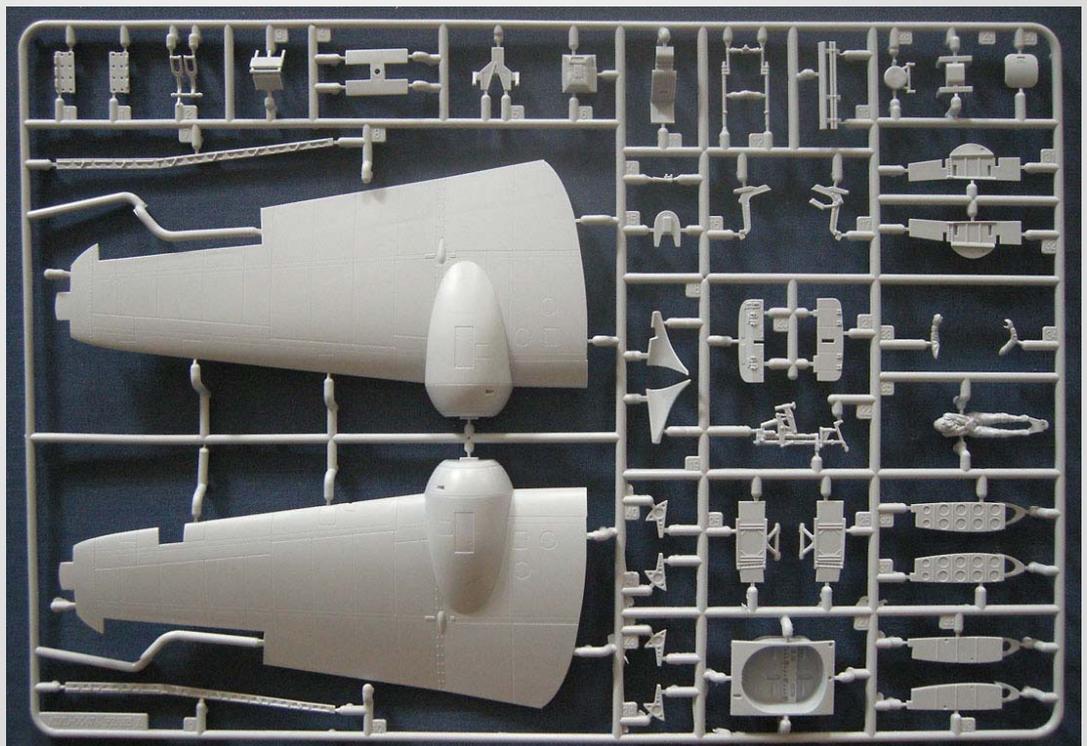
An in-box review by Pete M.

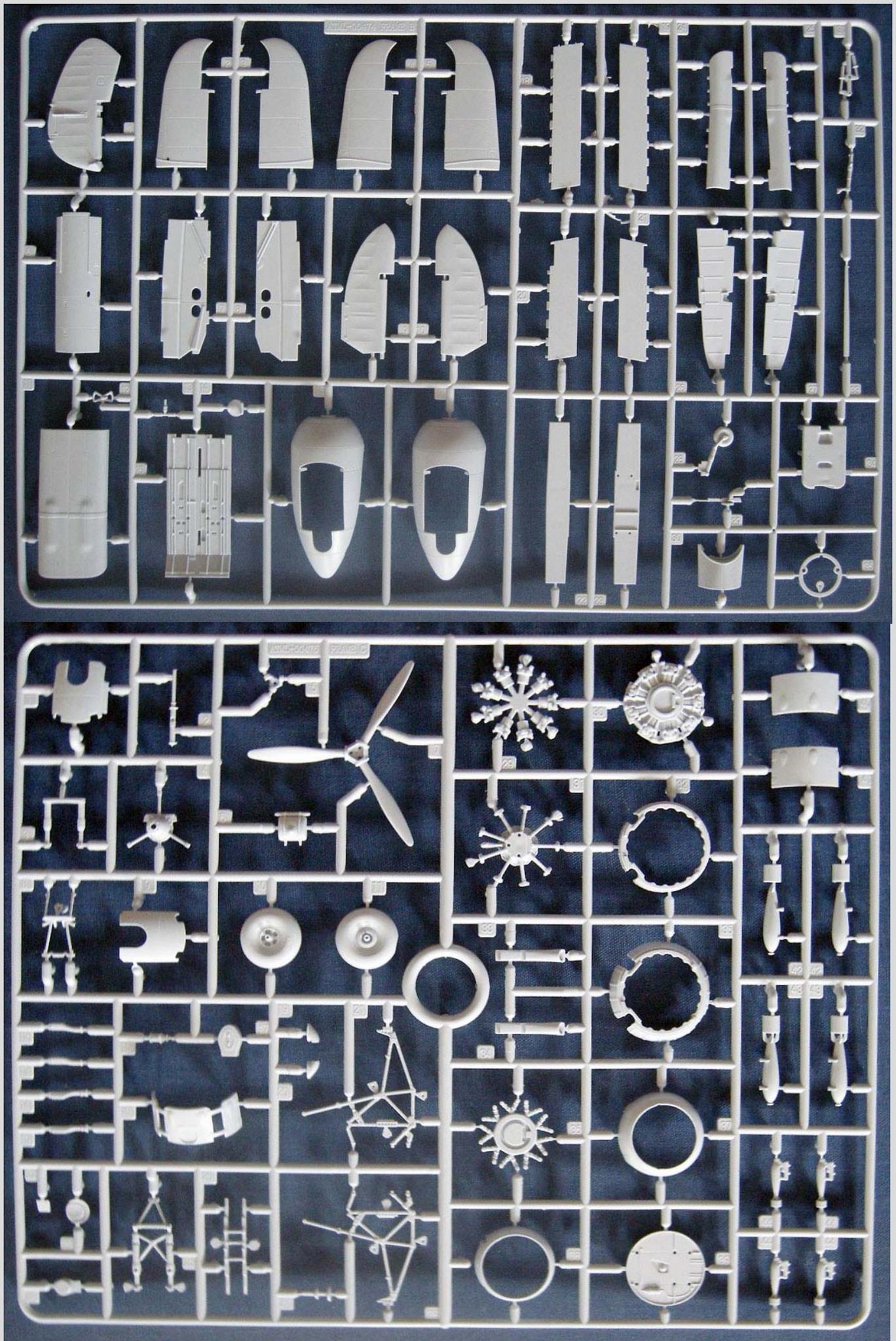


To my knowledge, this is the third 1:48 scale model of the 'short nose' Blenheim that has been produced, the first being a vacform by Contrail (still available from Sanger Engineering), and the Classic Airframes Mk.1/1F multi media kit.

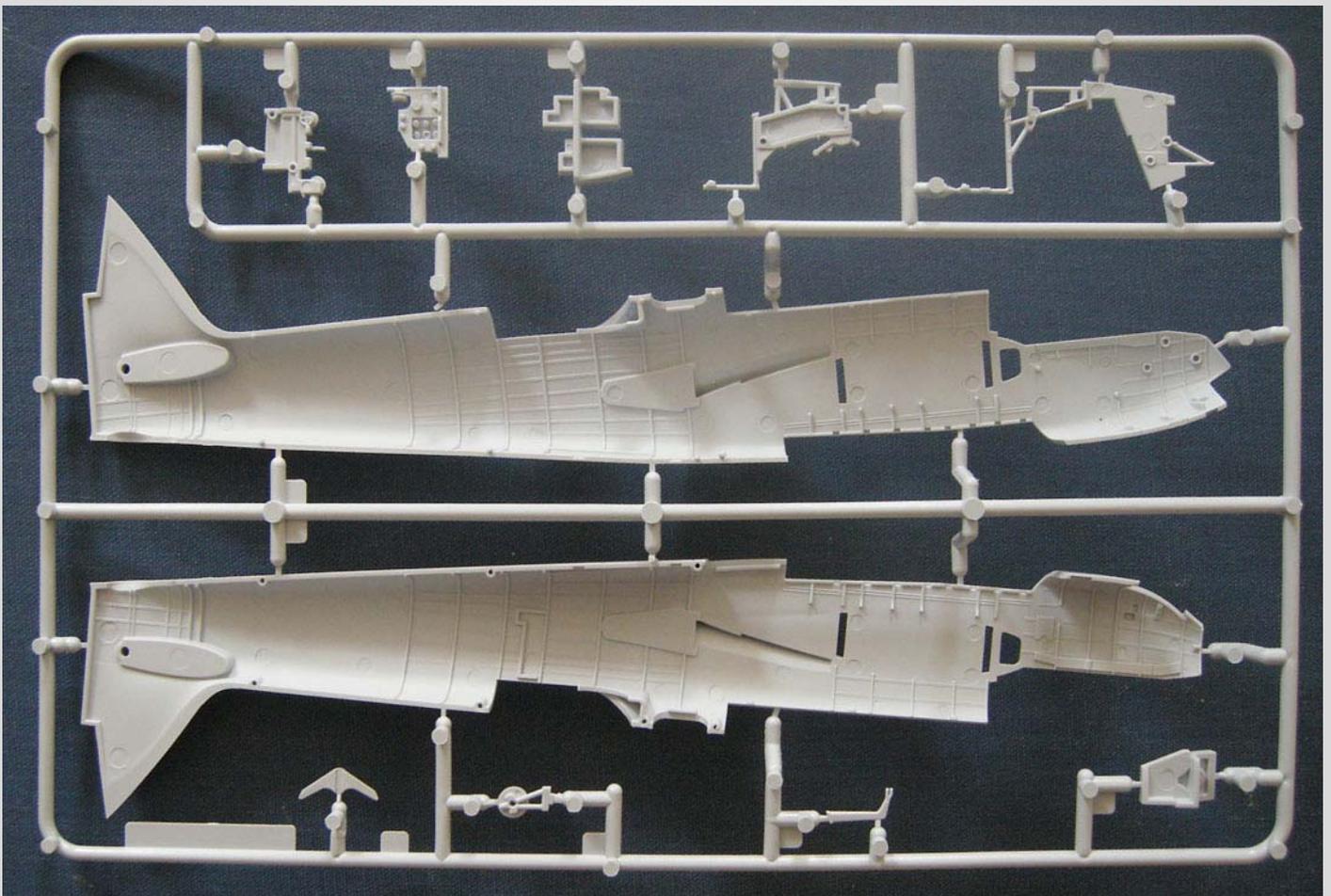
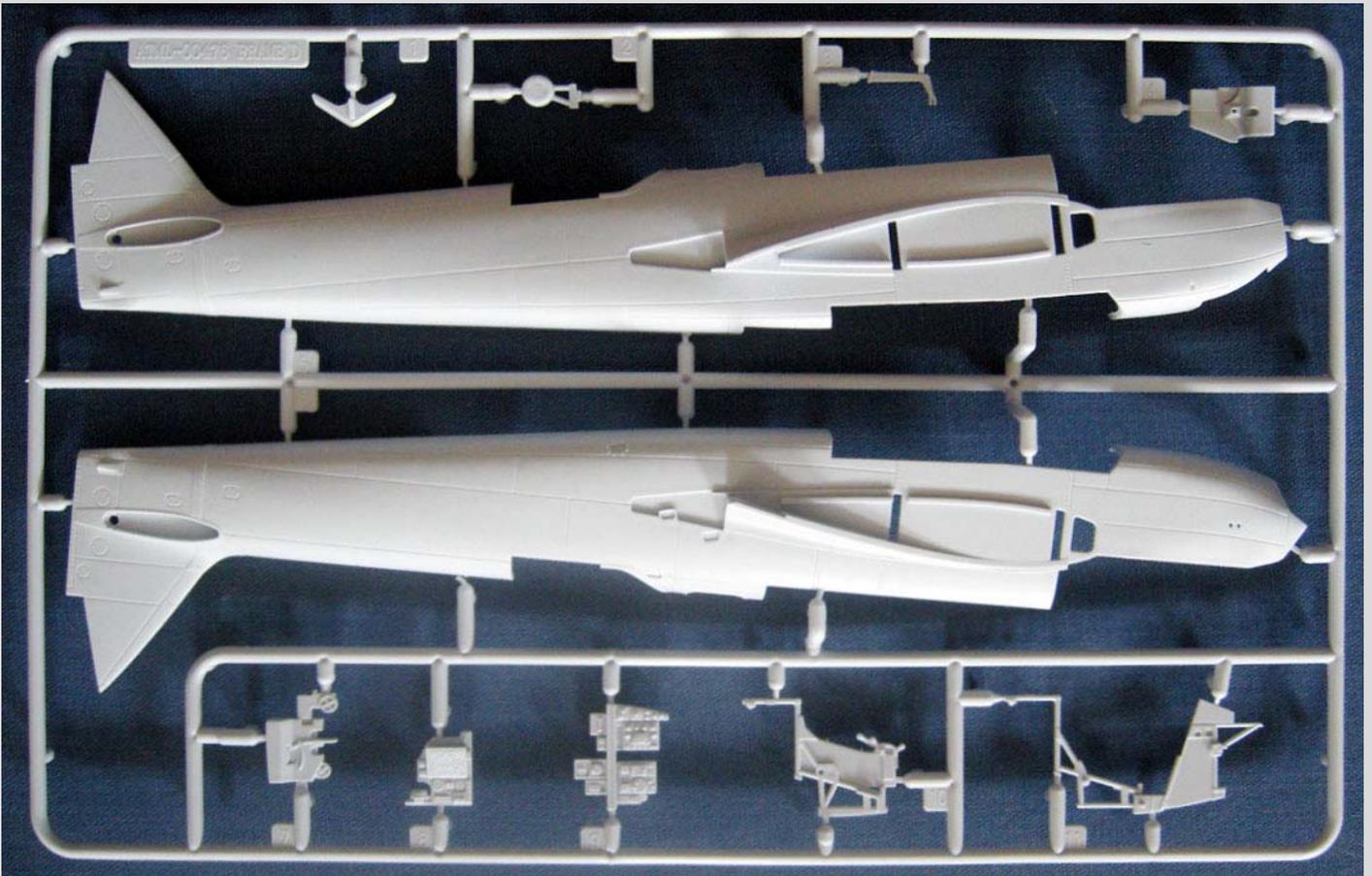
I recall seeing the original Contrail kit many years ago (it was apparently one of their better efforts), and having the Classic Airframes kit in my collection, I can state that the new Airfix kit is the best Mk.1 Blenheim kit in production.

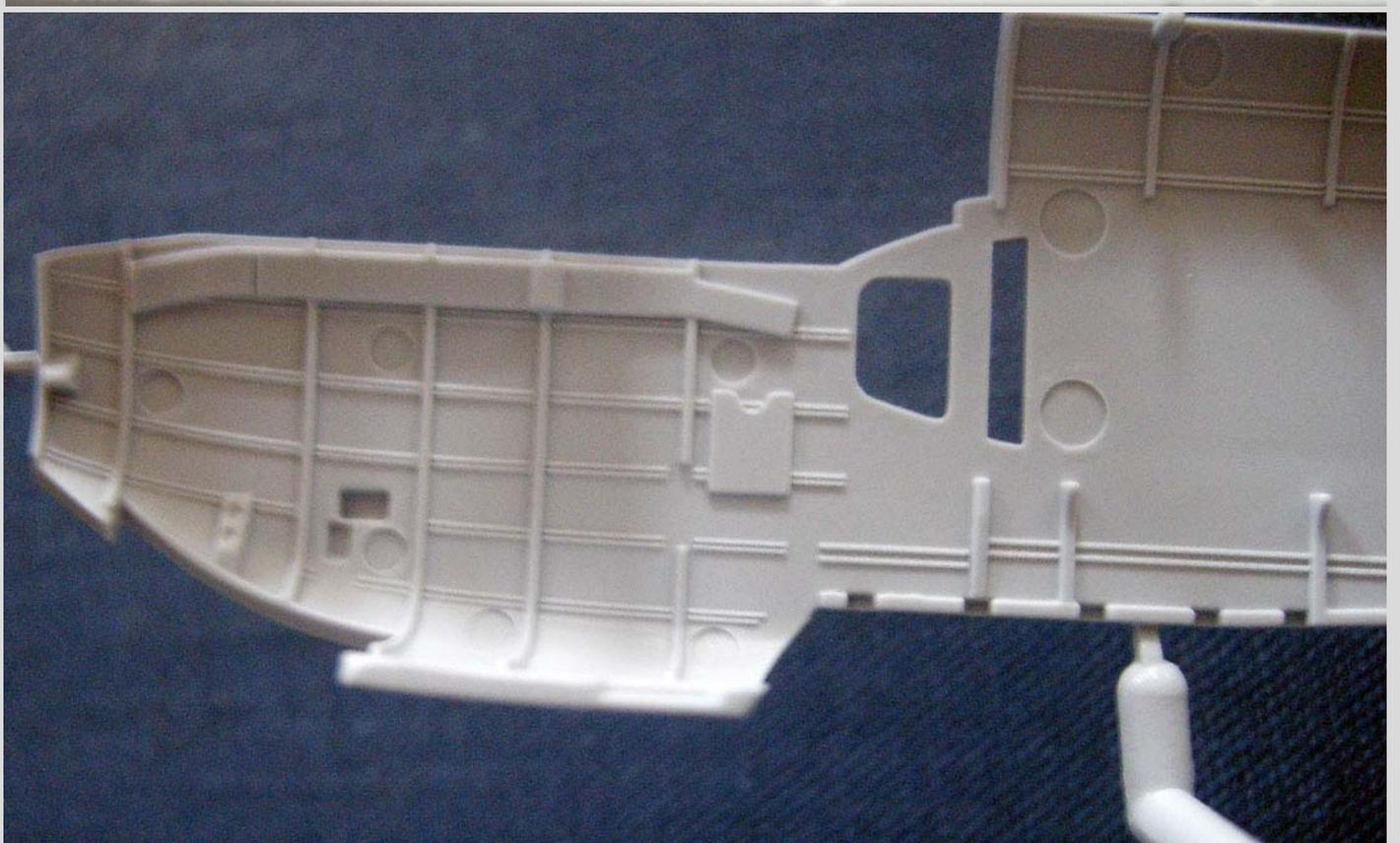
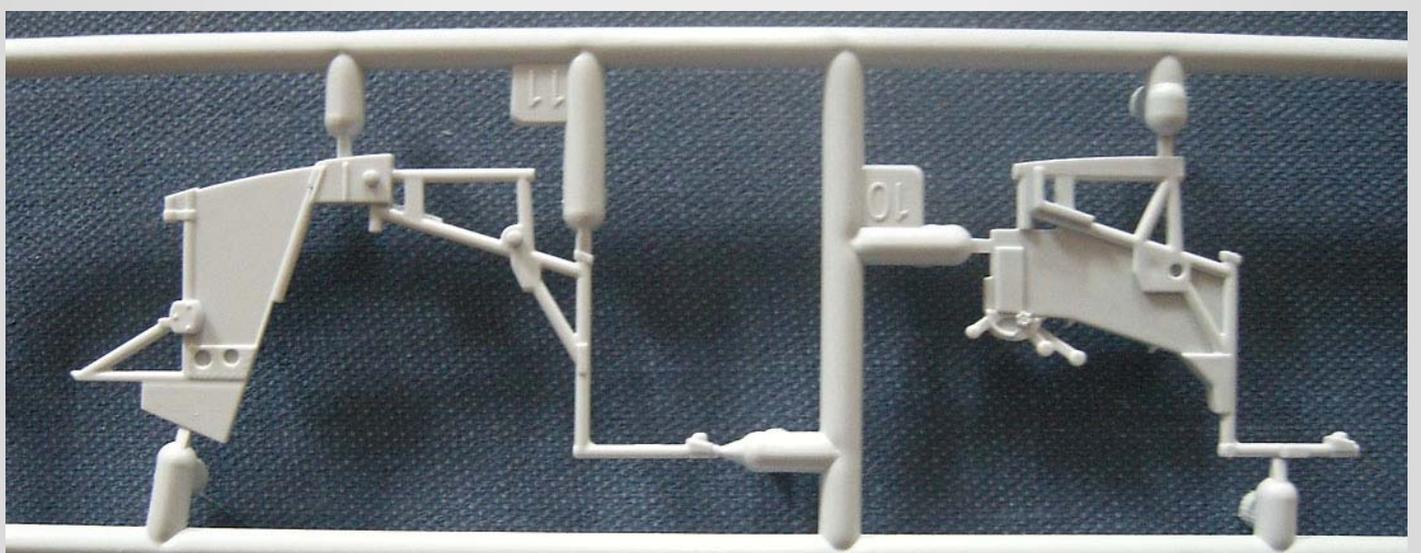
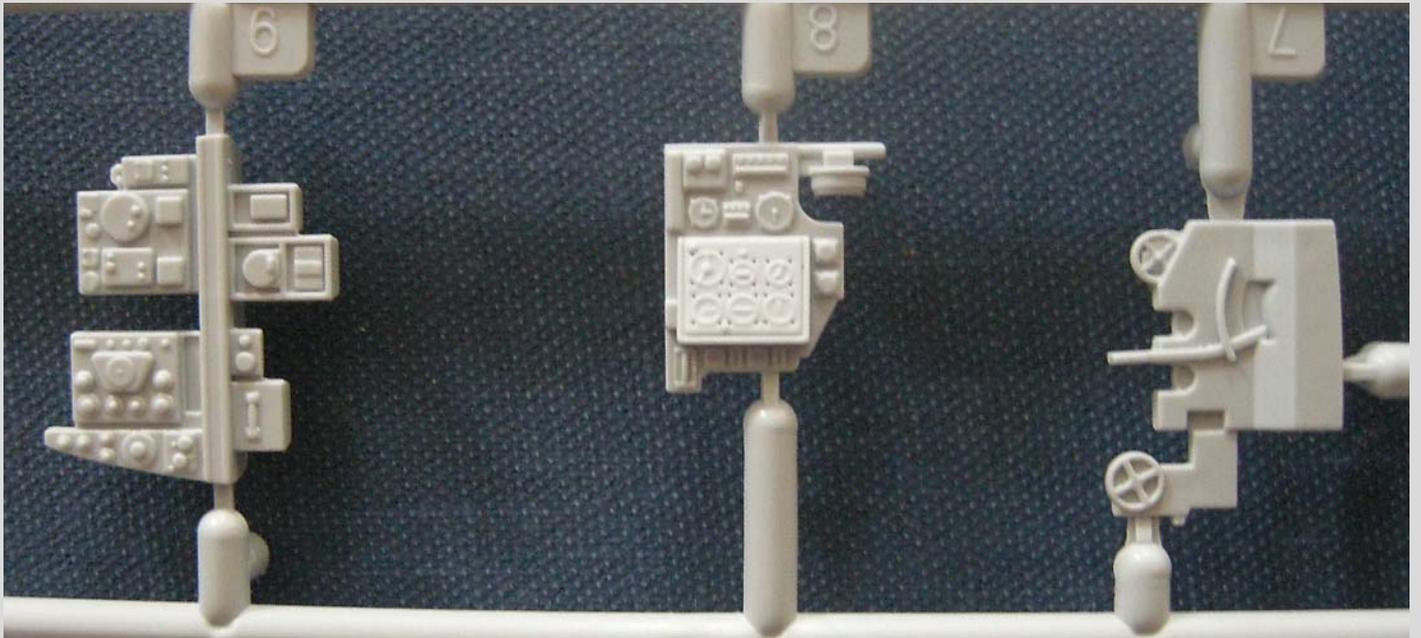
There are seven sprues (1 being duplicated) in light grey styrene, and one very clear sprue. Very good surface detailing (nicely done fabric effects on the elevators and rudder) but the panel lines appear to have been attacked by the old 'Matchbox' trench digger.....strange! a couple of coats of Mr.Surfacer should reduce those a bit.



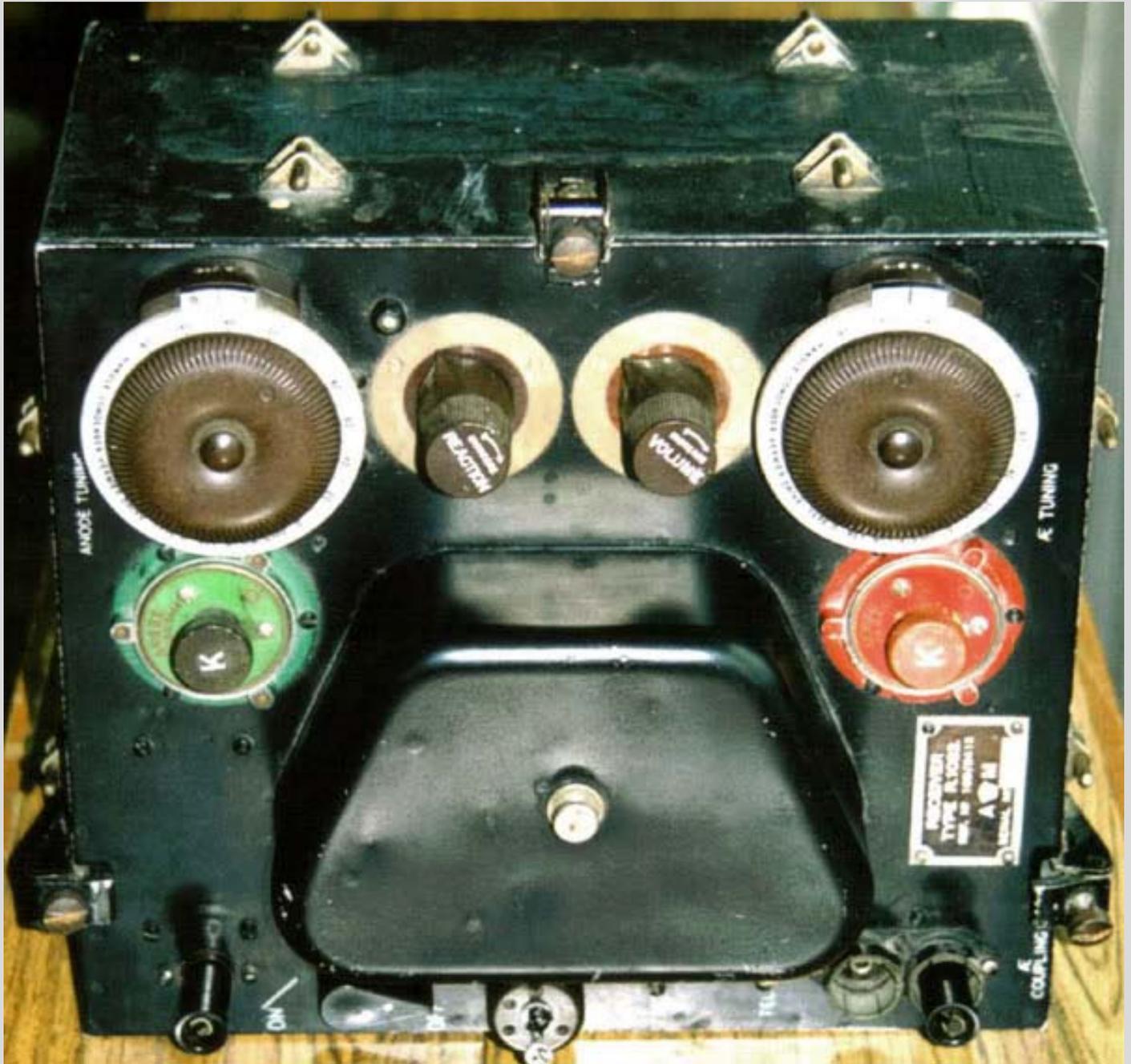


As I have noted above, the fuselage sections have very deep panel lines but some very realistic detailing around the cockpit nose and in the rear fuselage interior by the turret which will only be visible if the gunners entry hatch is built in the open position where it will then show.





The cockpit area is well detailed with an instrument panel, main flight controls, rudder pedals and what appears to be the older TR1082 radio set that I suspect would only be there up until early to mid 1940 at the latest?



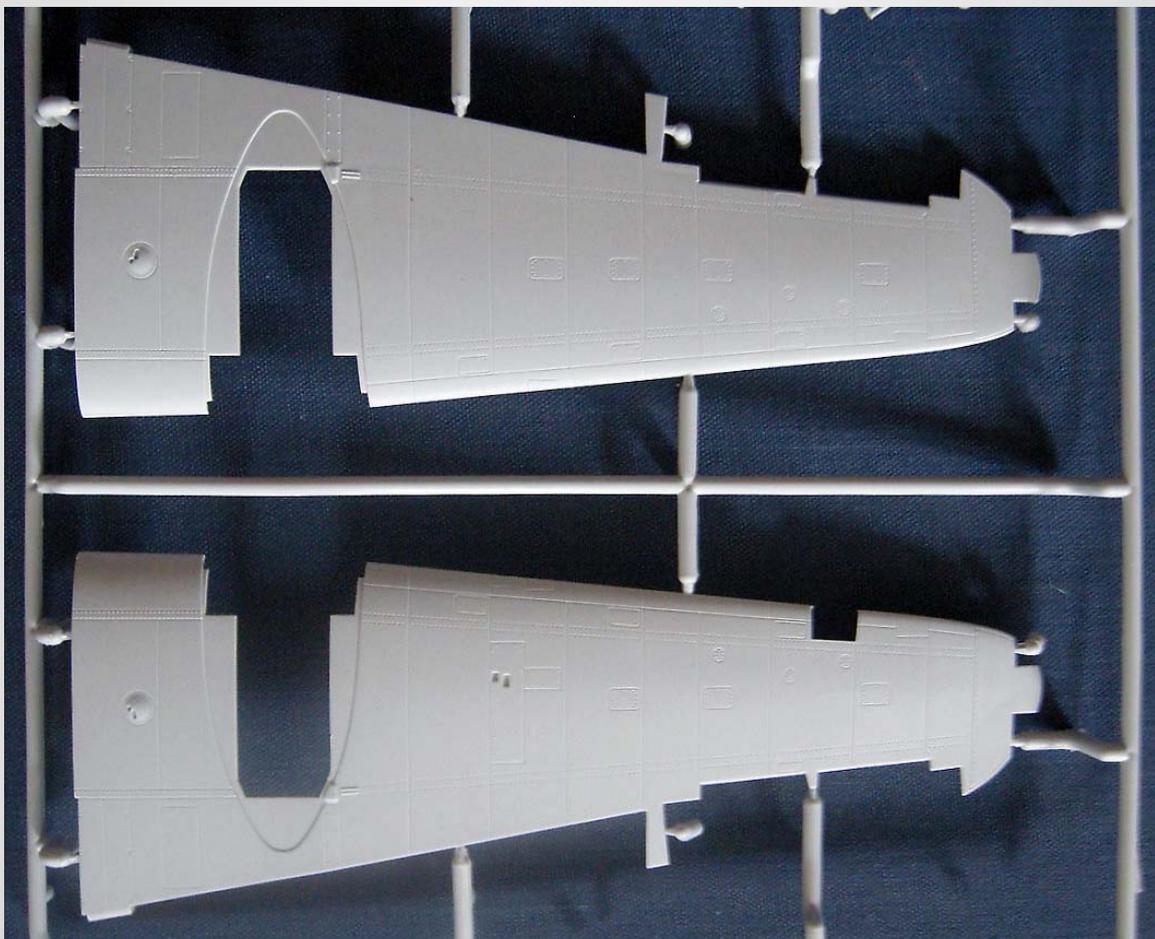
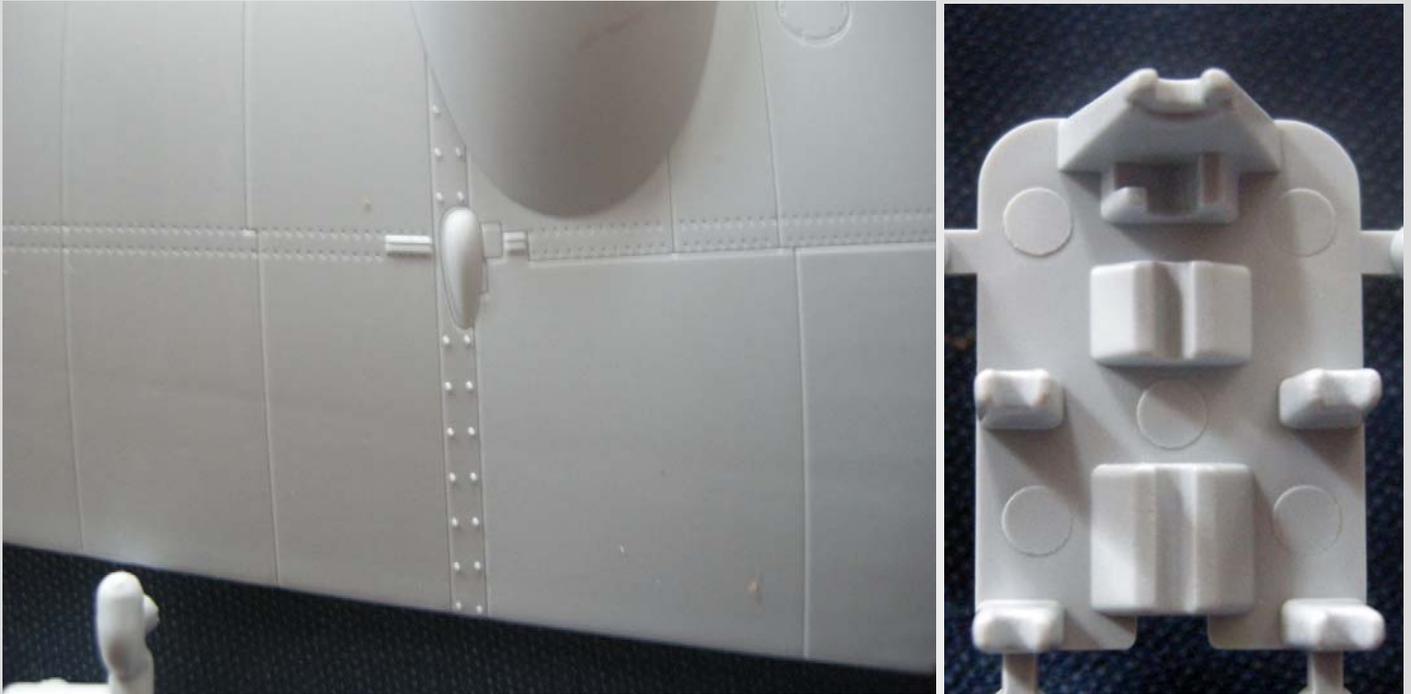
Instrument details are supplied on the decal sheet. One item that is completely missing for a Mk.1F is the reflector sight! One figure is provided for the pilot, but no navigator or gunner.

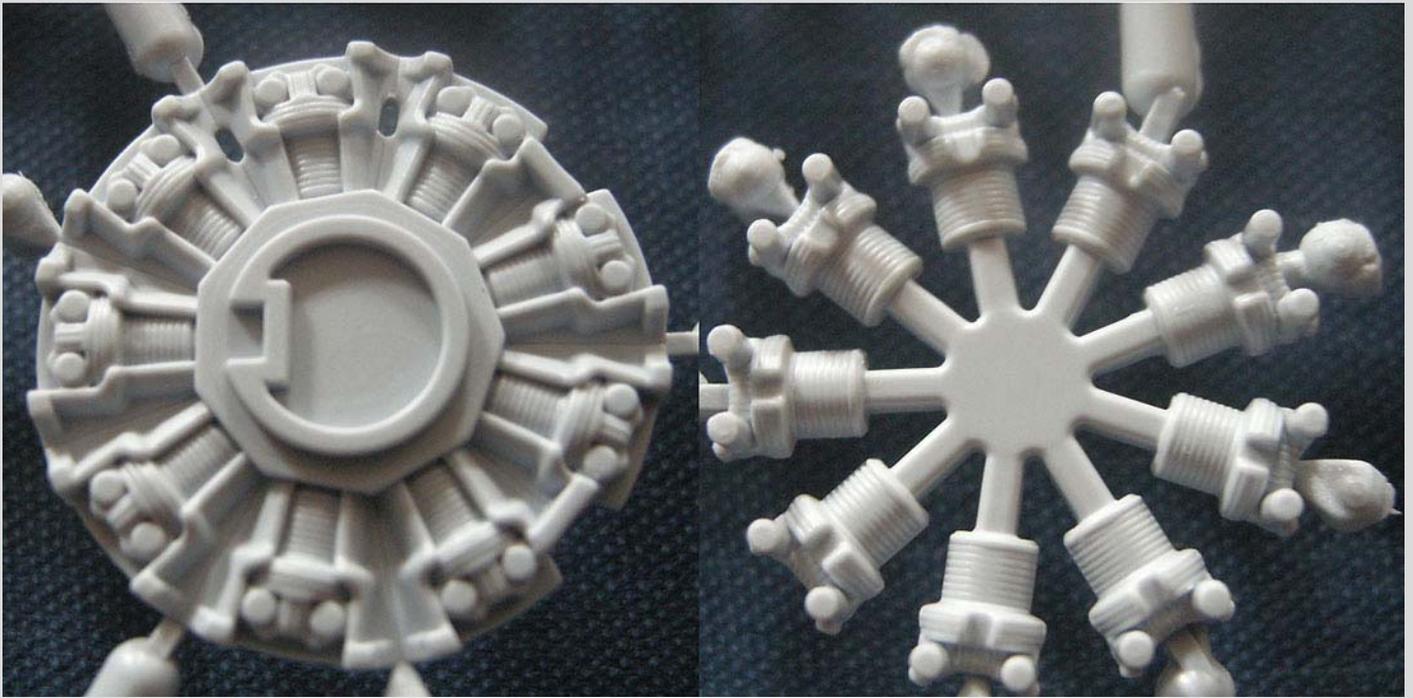
The turret is almost a kit on it's own, and Airfix have provided a moulded jig to help assemble it so it's properly aligned. Nice one Airfix.

The wings come as upper and lowers, port and starboard, and are designed to have the flaps dropped. From build reports on the 'net' some work is required to fit them closed as they have internal detailing moulded in. The ailerons are positional as well.

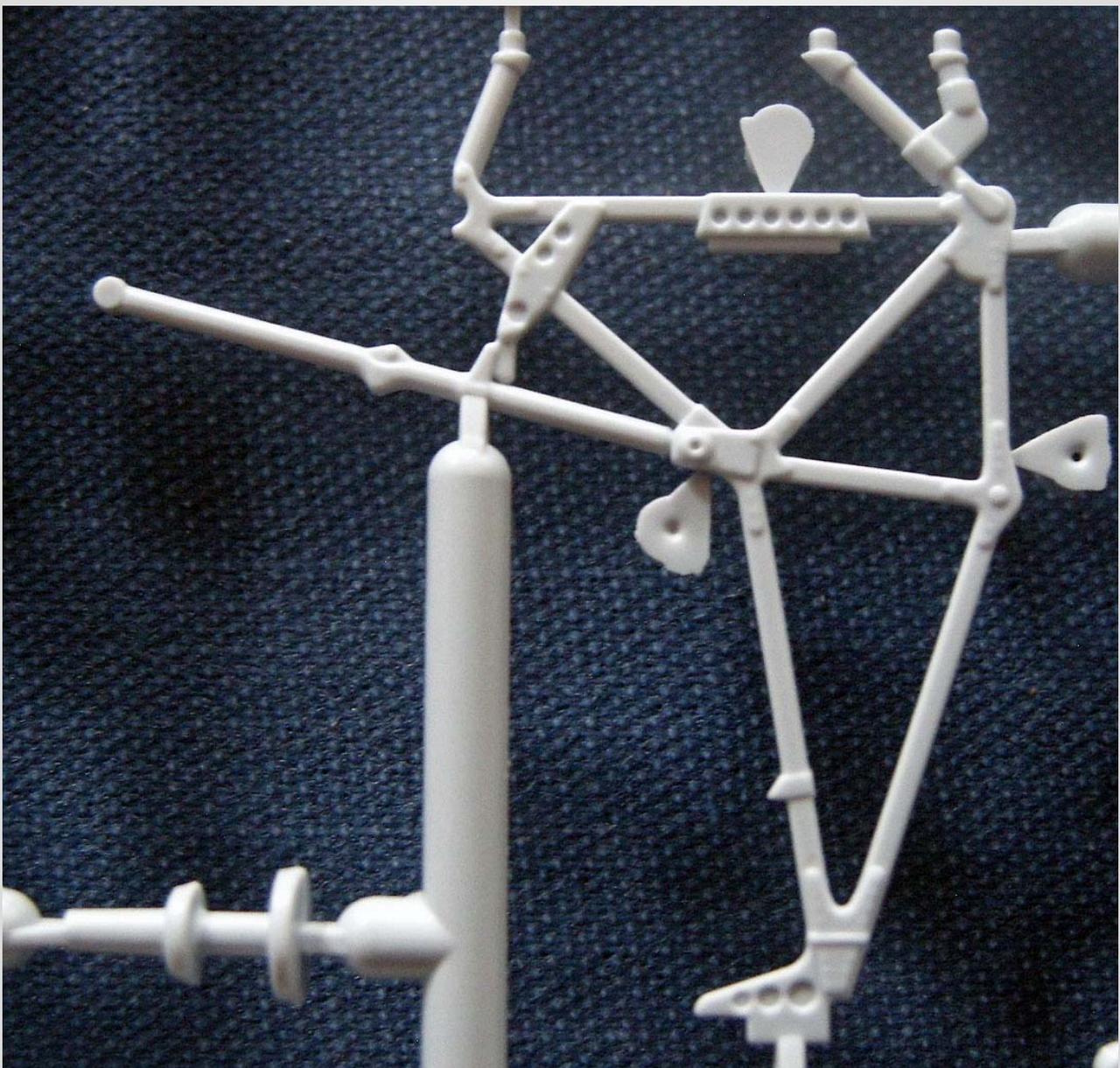
One thing Airfix have got correct is that the engine nacelles are not as per the 'humped' Bolingbroke type they did on their 1:72 scale kit.

The engines are very nicely rendered, and the cowl gills can be modelled in either open or closed positions.



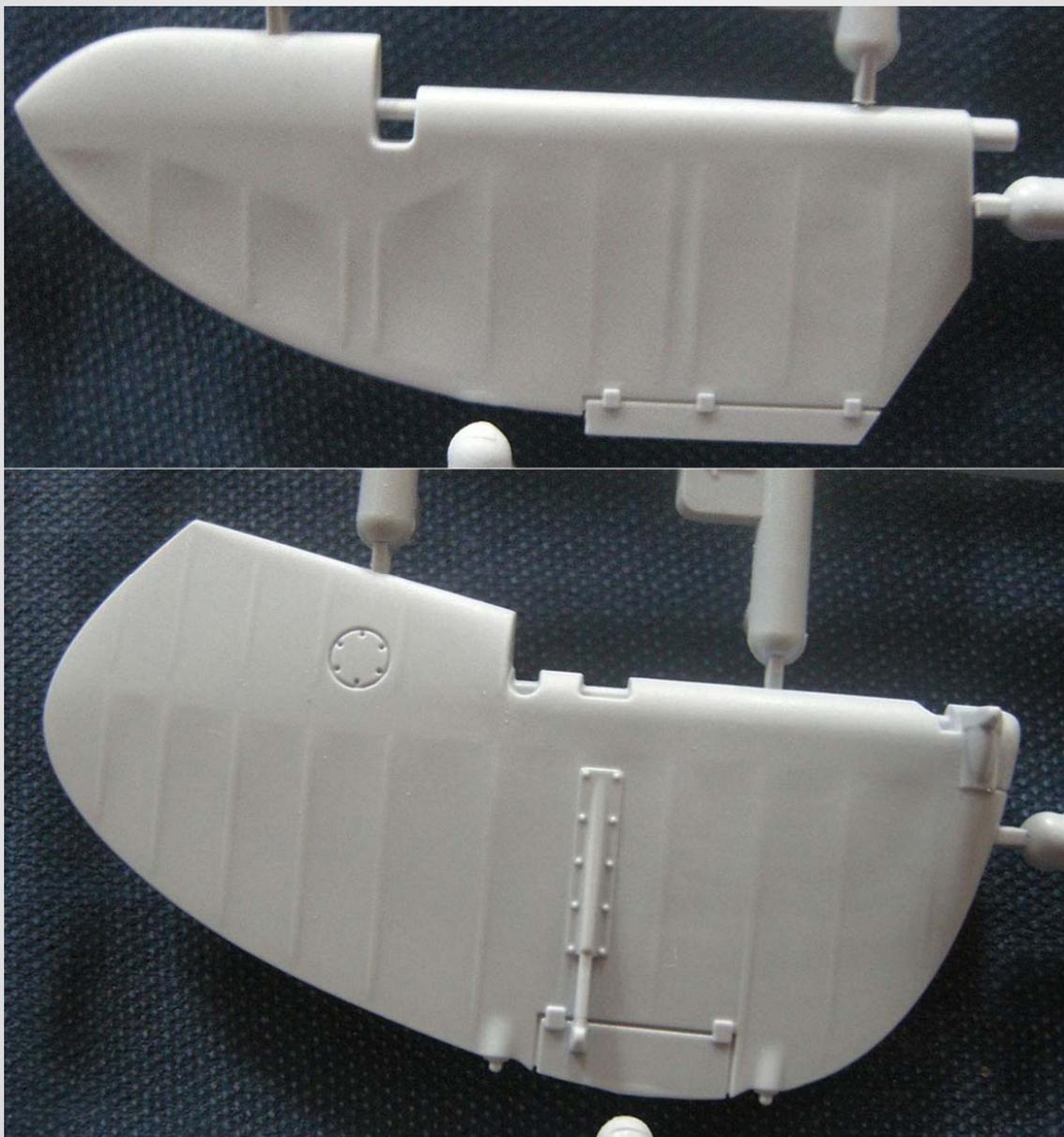


The wheels are moulded with slight 'flat spots' and have the size and Dunlop logos moulded on. The undercarriage and it's bay is a multi section assembly, and will require care to get it all correctly aligned.

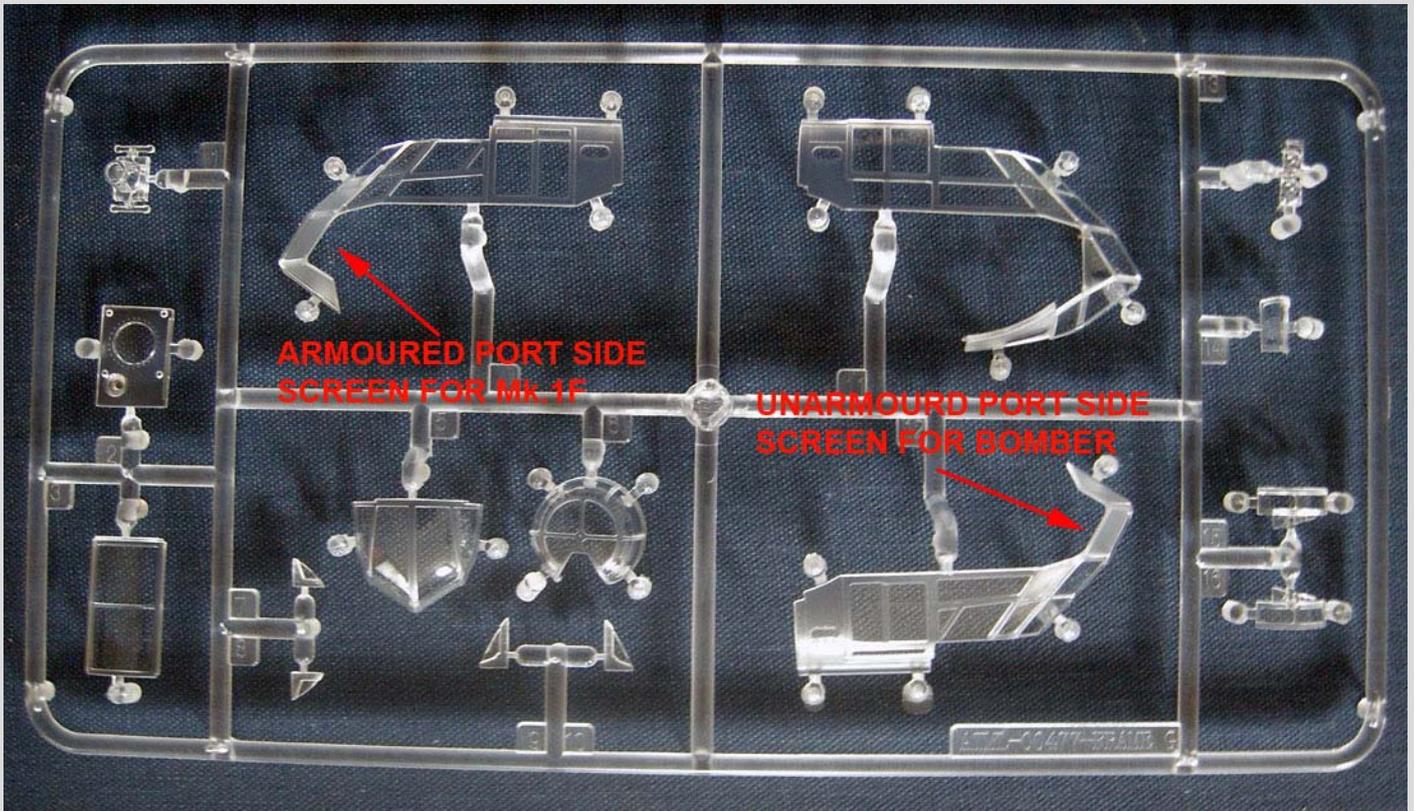




The elevators and rudder are positional, and have very nicely rendered fabric effect.

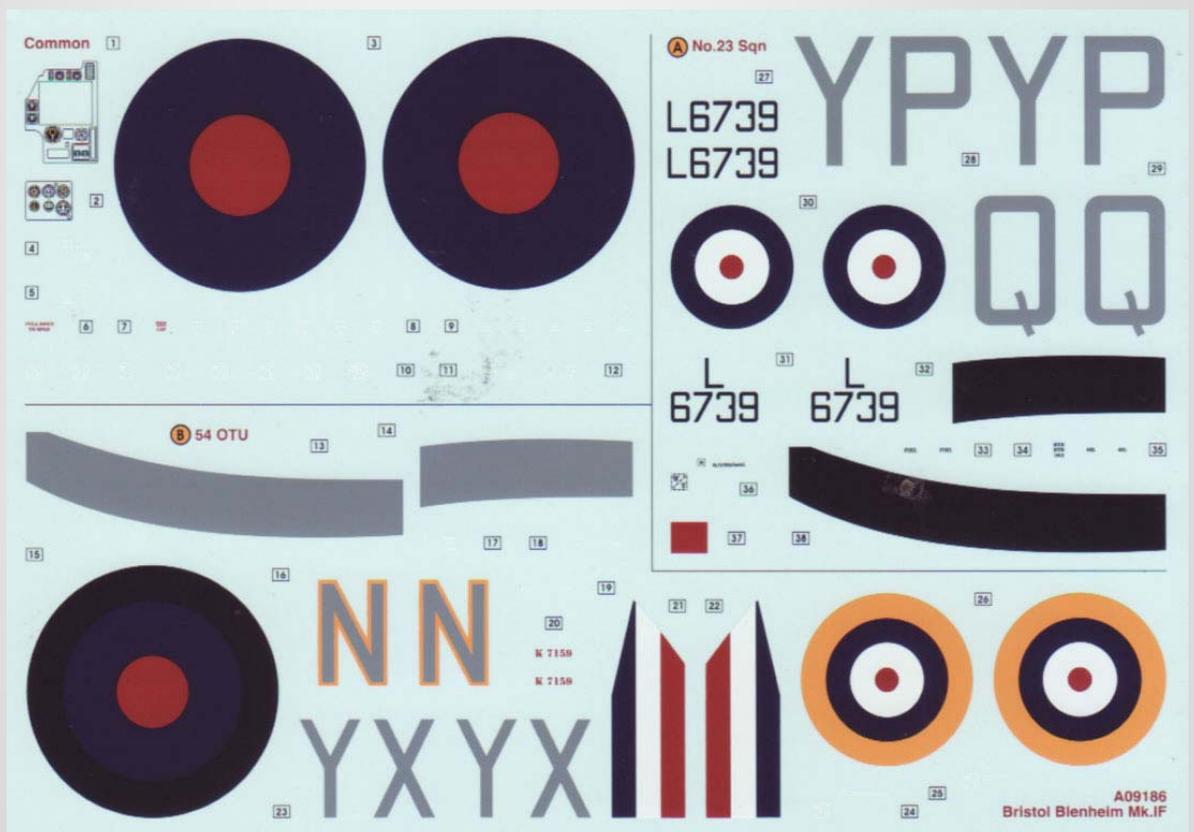


The clear sprues include the later 'armoured' sections on the port side nose, and the option of the all clear sections used on the bomber versions and the earlier Mk.1F conversions. Check you references as many of the Mk.1F's were later converted back to bombers, but these retained the armour for the pilot. Some bombers were also retrofitted with this armour. Going by most 'net' builds out there, it's better to fit each half to it's relevant fuselage side to get them correctly aligned. This also helps with internal framework painting.

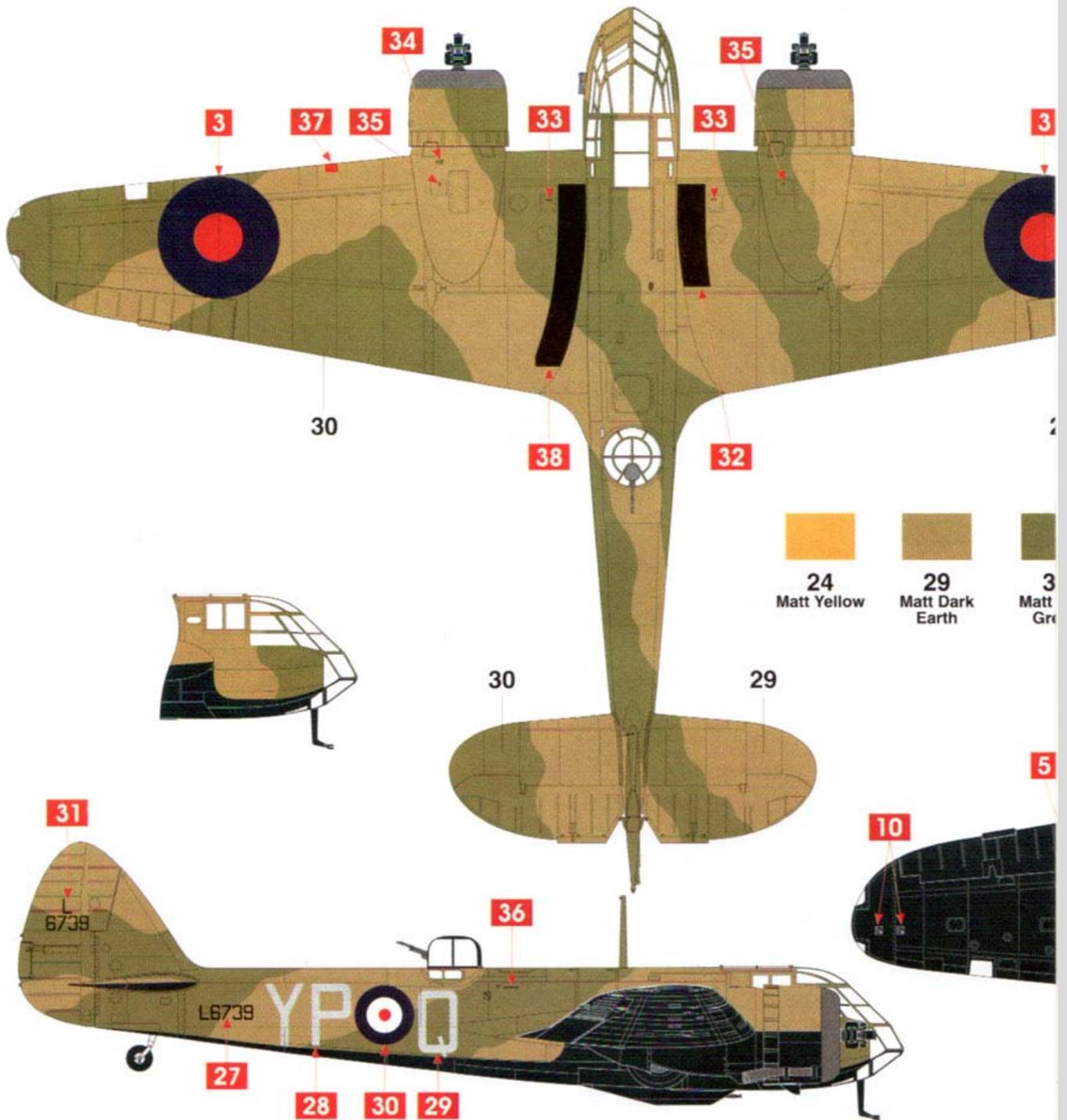


Decals are given for two UK based aircraft, L6739 of No.23 Squadron RAF based at Wittering in Cambridge, Feb 1940 in Dark Earth/Dark Green with Black undersides (as currently worn by the re-re-restored flying example based at Duxford), and an overall Black radar equipped example from No.54 OTU based at Church Fenton, North Yorkshire in December 1940. The most common maintenance stencils are provided in both Black and Red.

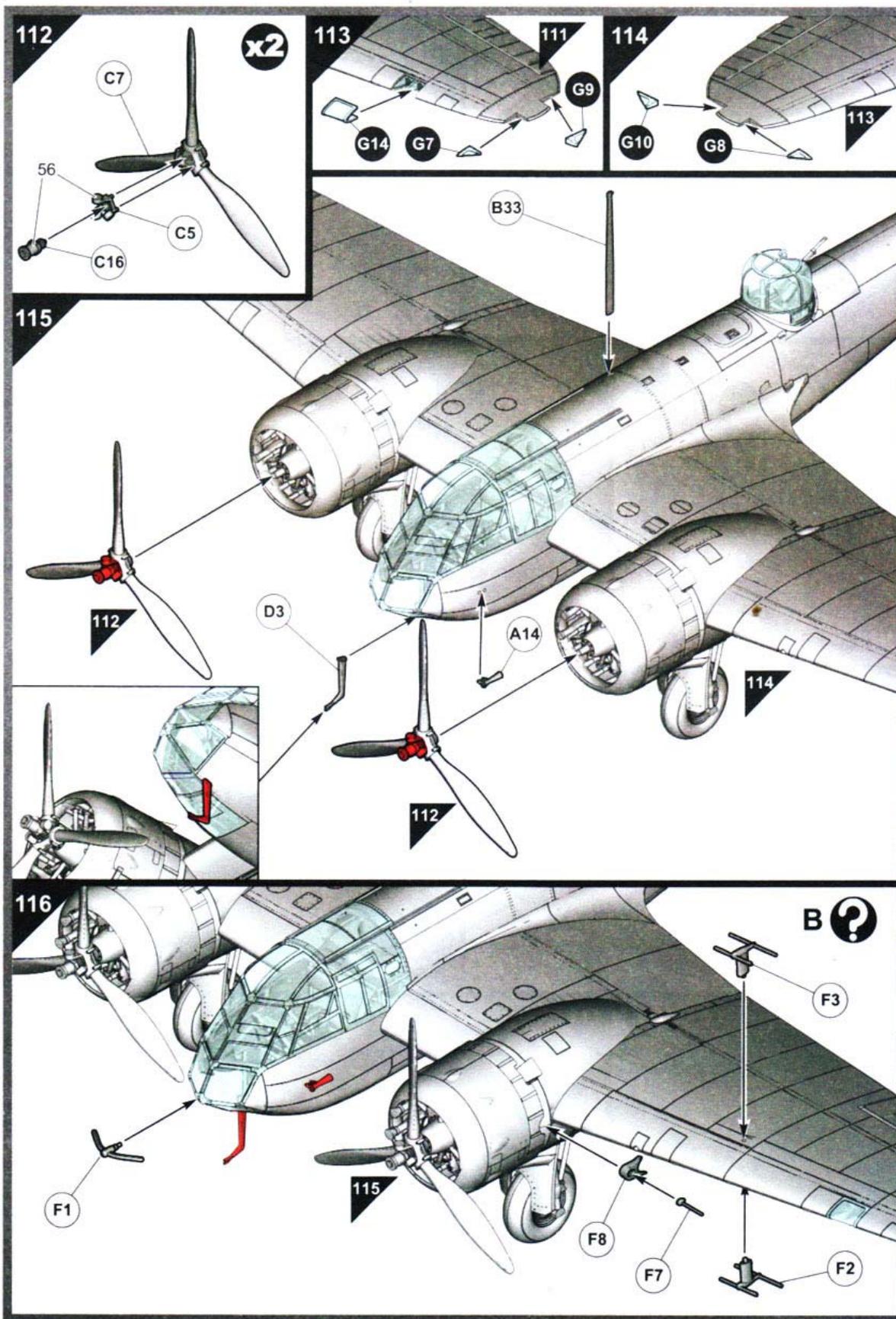
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A Bristol Ble
 No. 23 Squadron, Royal Air Force Wittering
 Scheme currently applied to G-BPIV flying wit



The instruction booklet is in the by now usual style from Airfix, using coloured sections to call out where an assembly is to be added. Options to be used are well noted.



Overall, as with the latest issues from the revitalised Airfix/Hornby, another ripper of a kit that with some care and attention will provide a great replica of the 'short nosed' Bristol Blenheim. Keep 'em coming Airfix.

Poland, September 1939.

The crew of a German PzKpfw IV ausf B or C restock on ammo.

This photo provides us with an excellent, detailed view of an early version of the German Panzer IV. At the time, armed with a short barrel, low velocity 7.5cm KwK L/24 howitzer, the Panzer IV was used mainly as an infantry support tank, the battle tank role being entrusted to the PzKpfw III and its high velocity 50mm gun.

Initially, the German military considered the PzKpfw III to be superior to the PzKpfw IV but as war progressed and enemy armour evolved, the need for heavier armament became a priority, and here is where the larger hull and turret ring of the PzKpfw IV made a difference.

The PzKpfw III simply could not carry anything bigger than a 50 mm gun, and by early 1943 it was deemed obsolete as a battle tank and relegated to secondary roles.

Camo: Dunkelbraun Nr. 45 (dark brown) and Dunkelgrau Nr. 46 (dark grey). The dark brown colour is usually very difficult to distinguish from the panzer grey on black-and-white photographs (and even colour ones). Most photographs therefore appear to show the vehicles painted in a single colour.

A small question for those interested: What was the purpose of the metal fork installed directly beneath and parallel to the main gun barrel?

Original: ECPAD

(Colourised today by Rui Candeias)



Brett Peacock sent through his interesting picture and notes.

GALLERY

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