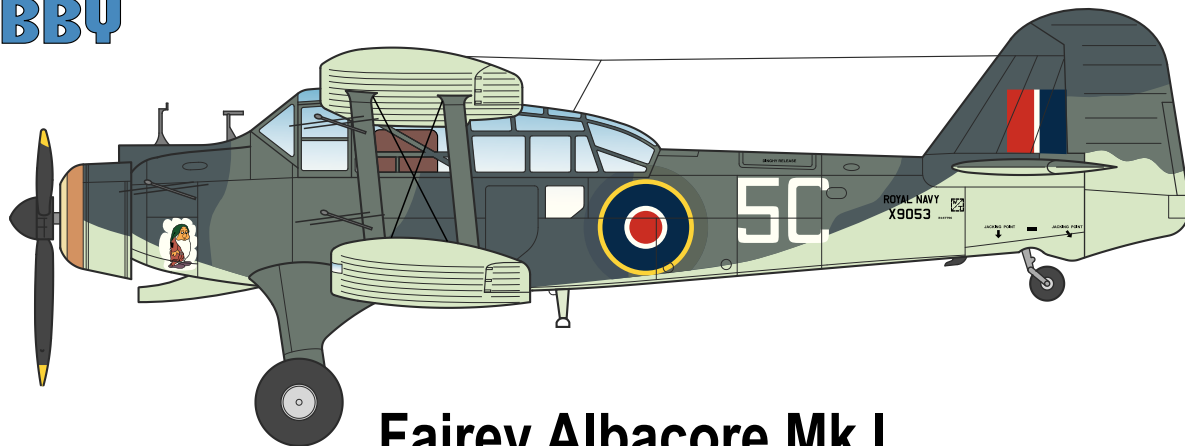




Fairey Albacore Mk.I

Instructions / Návod

(GB)

As a replacement for the antiquated Fairey Swordfish, the Fairey Albacore appeared to have everything going for it. Neat in appearance, and with a closed cabin providing such luxuries as heating a windscreen wiper and automatic emergency dinghy ejection, the Albacore nevertheless failed to come up to expectations. Far from supplanting the Swordfish, it merely complemented the older biplane and, ironically, was outlived by the latter in service. Designed to Specification S.41/36, the Albacore was ordered in May 1937.

The first prototype flew on 17 December 1938 and production began in 1939. No.826 Squadron was formed at Ford, Sussex, especially to fly the Albacore, and received 12 aircraft on 15 March 1940. Three more Albacore Squadrons formed before the end of 1940. Albacores finally went to sea when Nos.826 and 829 Squadrons joined HMS Formidable on 26 November 1940 for convoy escort duty to Cape Town. Aircraft from these Squadrons took part in the Battle of Cape Matapan in March 1941, pressing home their torpedo attacks in the true Swordfish tradition against the Italian battleship Vittorio Veneto, the first occasion on which they had used torpedos in action. By mid-1942 some 15 Fleet Air Arm Squadrons were equipped with Albacores operating from the Arctic Circle to the North Africa, the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean. Albacores had reached their zenith in 1942, and the next year Fairey Barracudas began to replace them. The last two Squadrons to give up their Albacores were Nos. 820 and 841 in November 1943, aircraft from the latter Squadron being passed to No.415 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force, at Manston for use in English channel operations on D-Day. Total Albacore production between 1939 and 1943 amounted to 800 pieces.

Technical specification:

Span 50 ft (15,24 m). Length 39 ft 10 in (12,14 m). Maximum speed 161 mph (259 km/h) at 4500 ft (1370 m). Service ceiling 20700 ft (6310 m). Range 930 miles (1497 km) with 1600 lb. (726 kg) weapons load.

(CZ)

Letoun Fairey Albacore byl postaven jako náhrada za letoun Fairey Swordfish a měl všechny předpoklady pro tuto roli. Svým vzhledem mu byl podobný, ale měl krytou vytápěnou kabinu se stěrači čelního štítu a záchranný člun "dinghy" s automatickým uvolňováním. Nesplnil však očekávání. Místo nahrazení letounů Swordfish pouze starší dvojplášník doplňoval a je ironií, že letouny Swordfish ho při operačním nasazení dokonce přežily.

Letoun Albacore navržený podle Specifikace S.41/36, byl objednan v květnu 1937. První prototyp vzlétl 12. prosince 1938 a výroba započala v roce 1939.

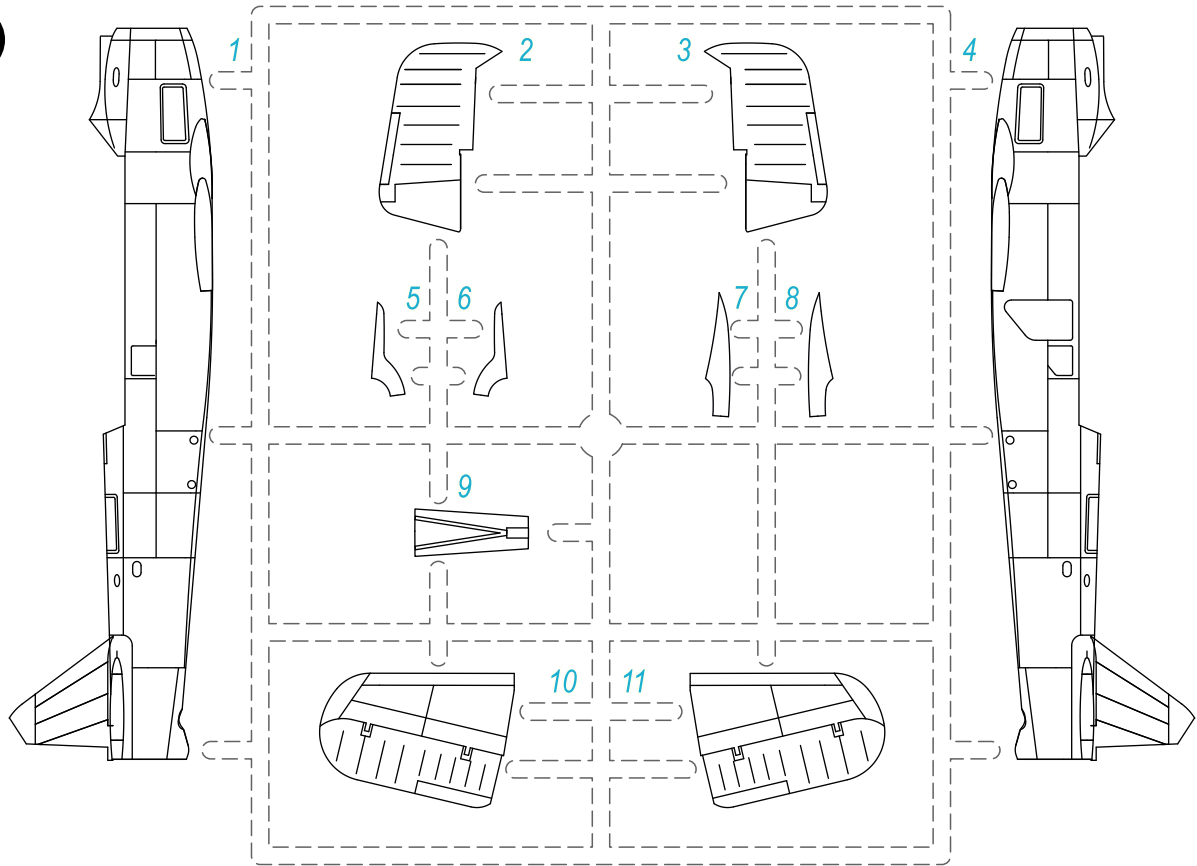
826. squadrona, která byla zformována ve Ford, Sussex, obdržela prvních 12 strojů 15.března 1940. Další tři squadrony vybavené letouny Albacore byly zformovány před koncem roku 1940 a byly konečně operačně nasazeny na moři, když se squadrony 826 a 829 připojily 26.listopadu 1940 k ostatním letounům na letadlové lodi HMS Formidable, plující jako doprovod konvojů do Kapského Města. Letouny těchto jednotek se také zúčastnily bitvy u Mysu Matapan v březnu 1941, kde provedly torpédové útoky ve stylu letounů Swordfish proti italské bitevní lodi Vittorio Veneto. Bylo to poprvé, co použily torpéda při bojové operaci. V polovině roku 1942 bylo letouny Albacore vyzbrojeno 15 perutí (squadron) Fleet Air Arm, které operovaly od Severního polárního kruhu až k Severní Africe, ve Středozemním moři a Indickém oceánu. Letouny Albacore dosáhly vrcholu operačního nasazení v roce 1942 a v průběhu dalšího roku začaly být nahrazovány typem Fairey Barracuda. Poslední dvě perutě, které se přezbrojovaly z letounů Albacore v listopadu 1943, byly squadrony 820 a 841, kdy byly předány 415.peruti Royal Canadian Air Force v Manstonu. Letouny této Squadrony byly později nasazeny v červnu 1944 při invazi do Evropy (D-Day). Celková výroba letounů Albacore dosáhla mezi rokem 1939 až 1943 počtu 800 kusů.

Technické údaje:

rozpětí 15,24 m. Délka 12,14 m. Maximální rychlost 259 km/hod ve výšce 1370 metrů. Operační dostup 6310 m. Dolet 1497 km s výzbrojí o hmotnosti 726 kg.

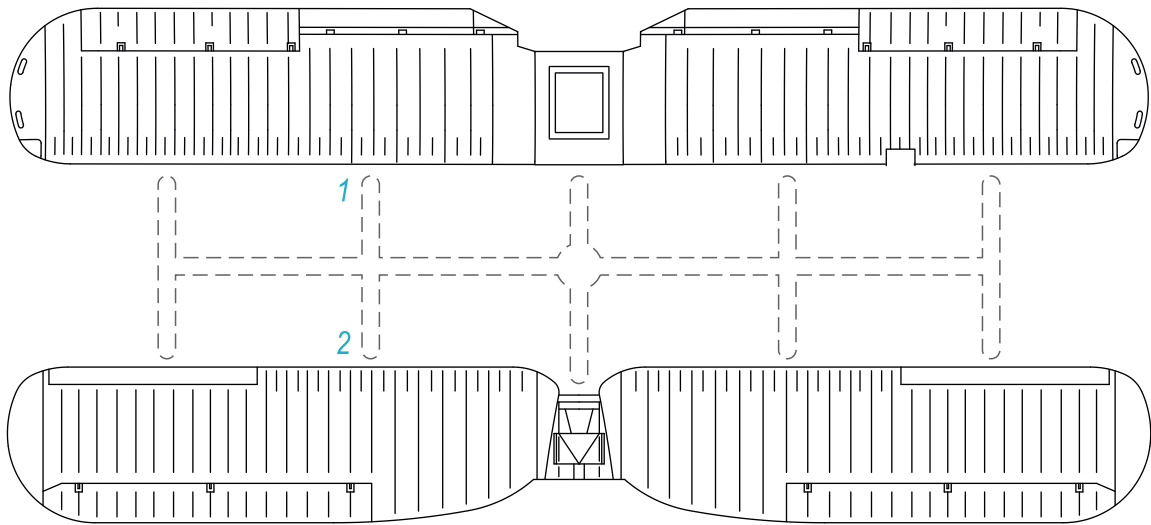
Parts List

A

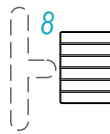
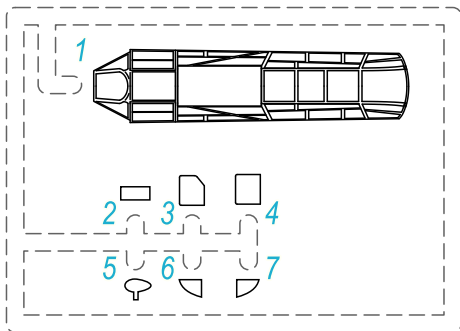


X = Not used

B



Clear Parts



Barvy GUNZE/ GUNZE Colour No.

A	Grey Green / šedo zelená	H58/C27
B	Black / černá	H12/C33
C	Tire Black / barva pneu	H77/C137
D	Aluminium / hliník	H8/C8
E	Burnt Iron / opálený kov	H76/C61
F	Dark Iron / tmavý kov	H28/C78
G	Clear Red / čirá červená	H90/C47
H	Clear Green / čirá zelená	H94/C138
I	Leather / kůže	H47/C41
J	Yellow / žlutá	H329/C329
K	Red Brown / hnědočervená	H47/C41
L	Wood / barva dřeva	H37/C43
M	Vaseline treated Steel / Vazelinou ošetřená ocel	H18/C28 + H92



MOŽNOST VOLBY
OPTIONAL
NACH BELIEBEN
OPTION



POUŽÍT KYANOAKRYLÁTOVÉ LEPIDLO
INSTANT CYANOACRYLATE GLUE
ZYANOAKRYLÁTKLEBER
ADHÉSIF CYANOACRYLAT

SYMBOLS



OHNOUT
BEND
BIEGEN
COURBER



ZHOTOVIT NOVĚ
SCRATCH BUILD
FERTIGSTELLEN
ACHEVER



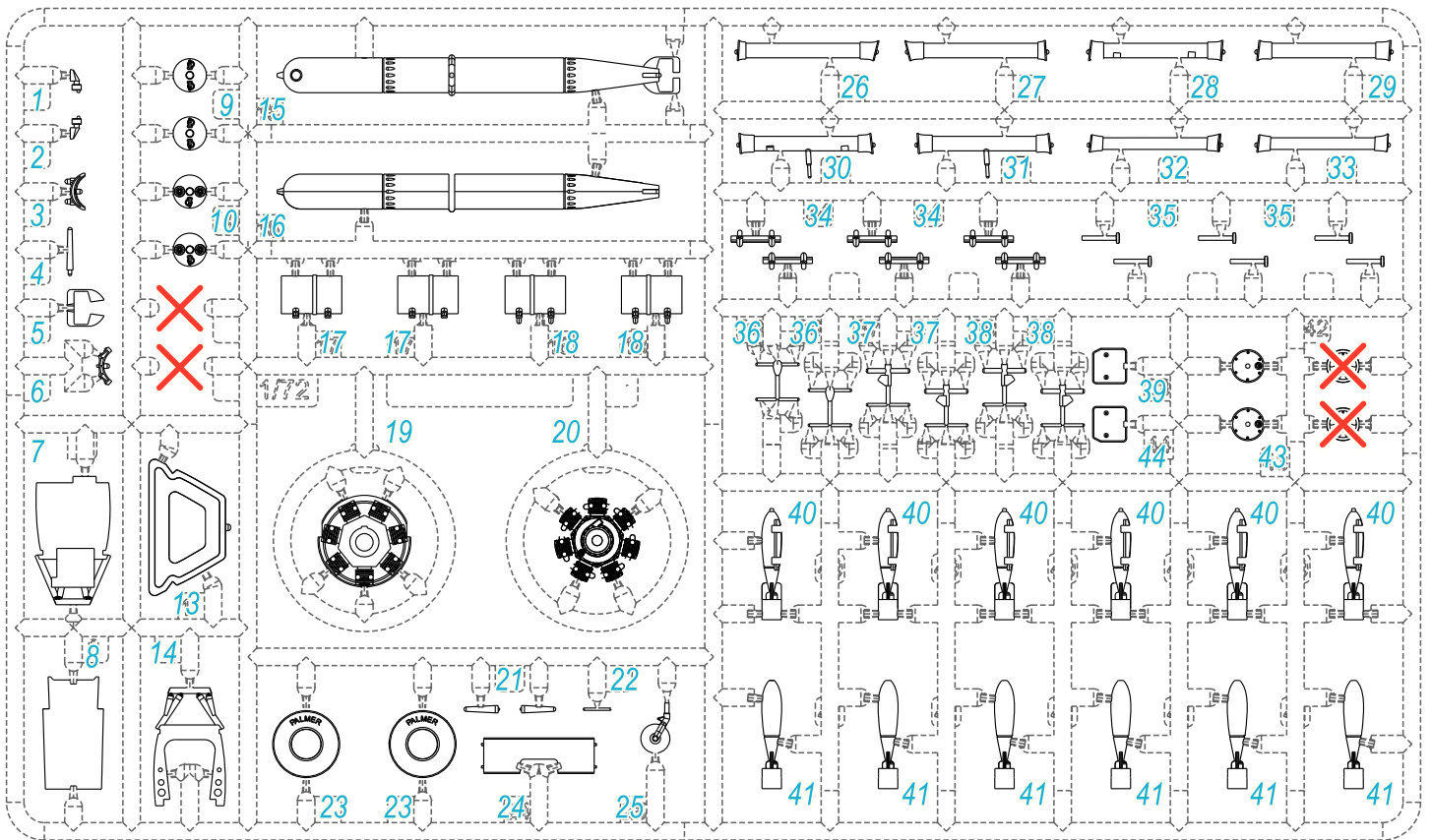
ŘEZAT/VRTAT
CUT OFF/DRILL
ENTFERNEN
DETACHER

GSI **A**
colours code

NATRÍT
COLOUR
FARBEN
PEINDRE

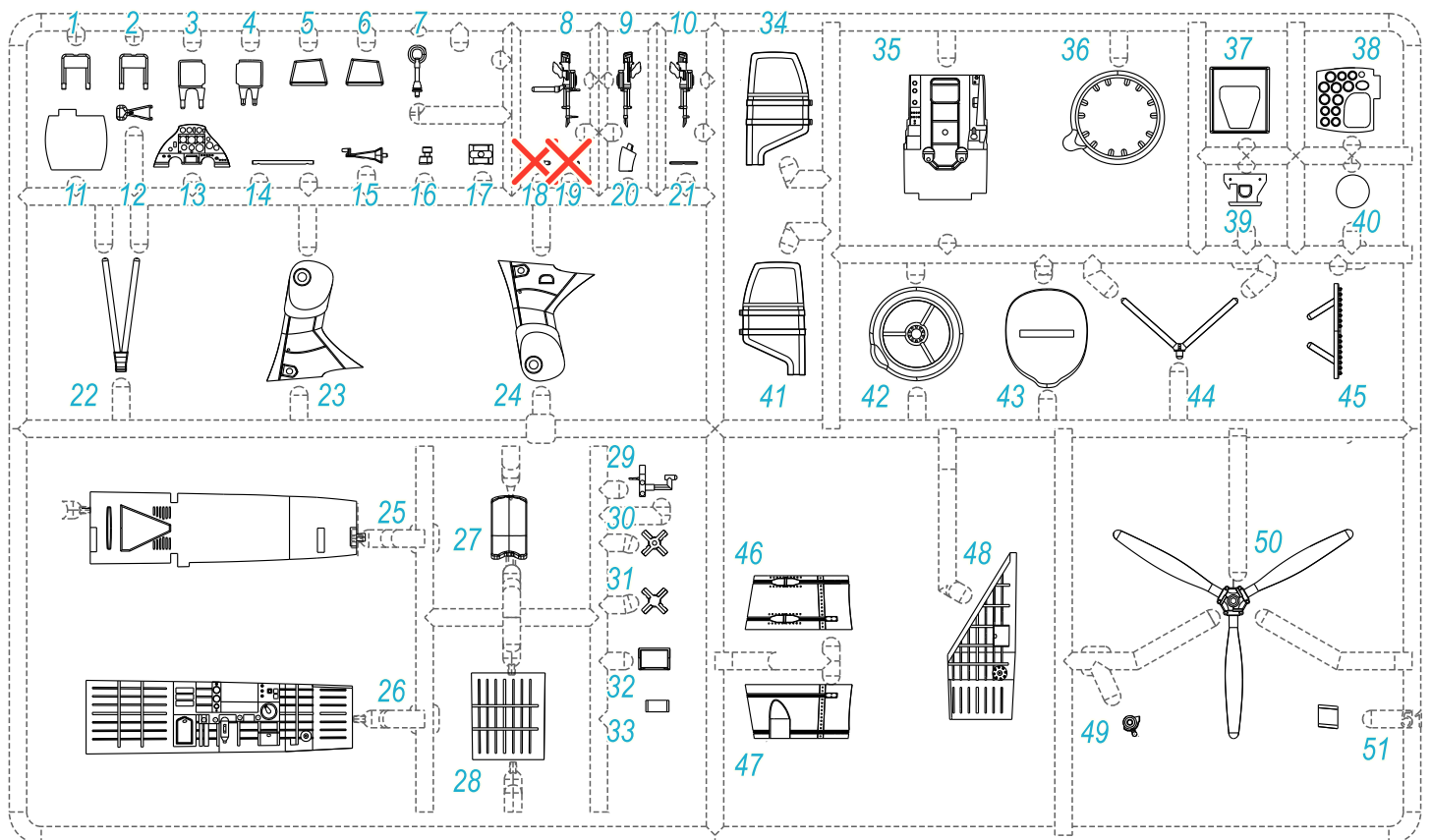
Parts List

C

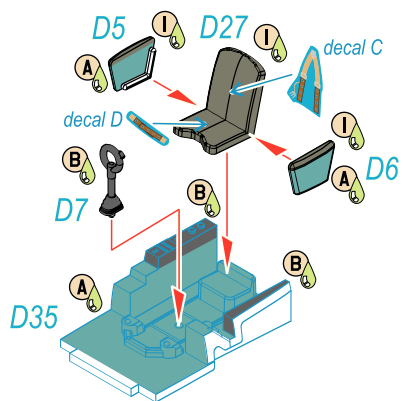


X = Not used

D

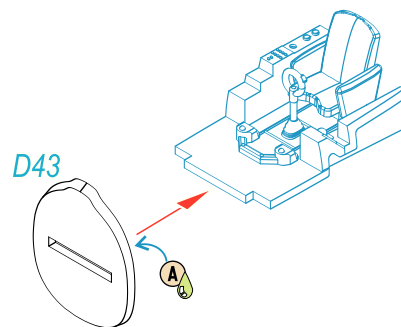


1

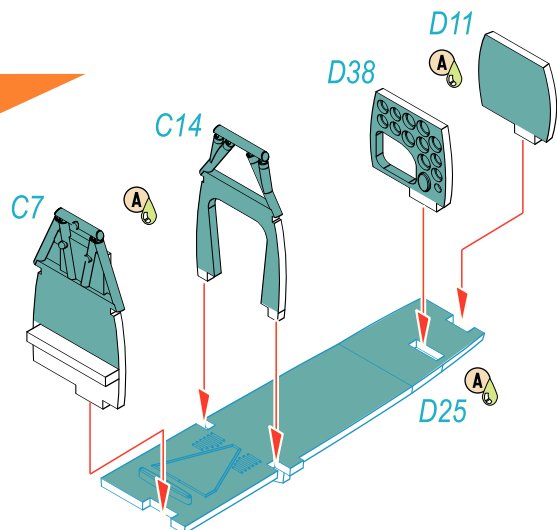


2

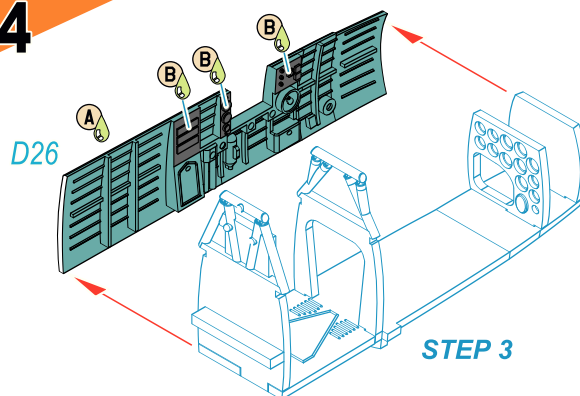
STEP 1



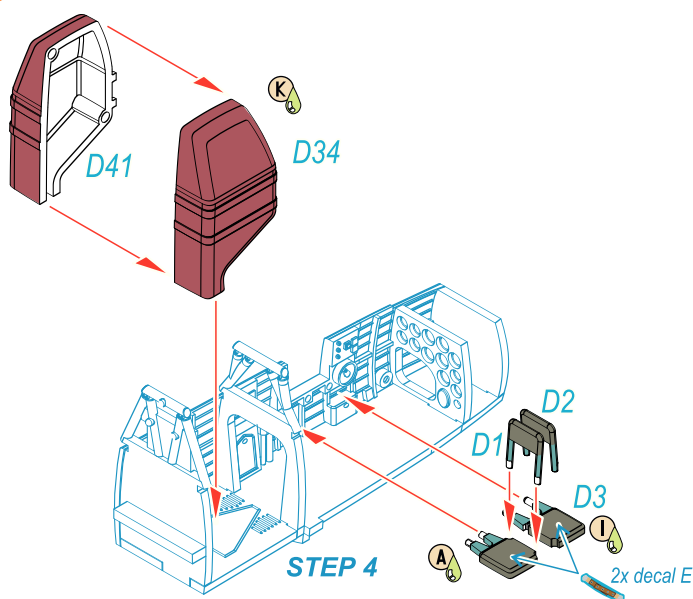
3



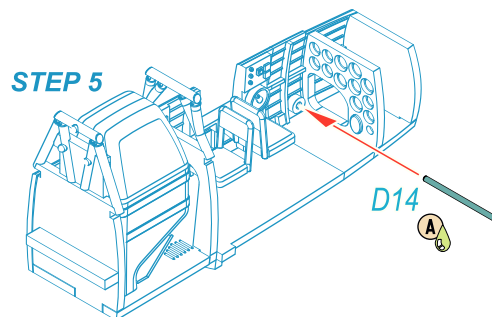
4



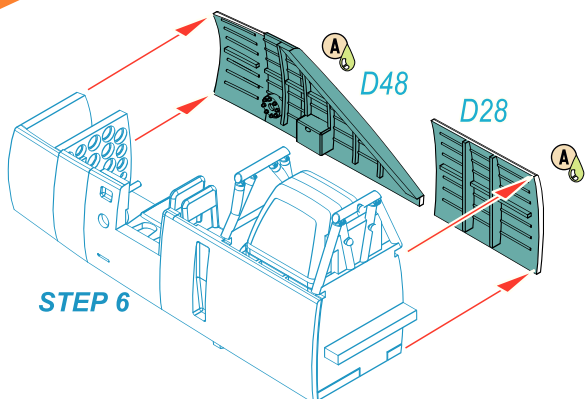
5



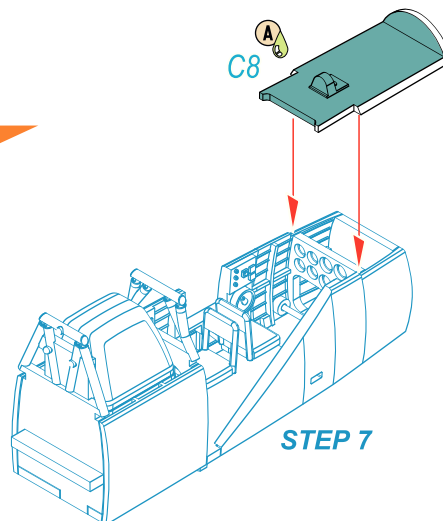
6



7



8



9

STEP 8
(some details
missing for clarity)

CP3

side view

D49

A4

STEP 2

D13

decal A

decal B

10

D9

D29

D10

D8

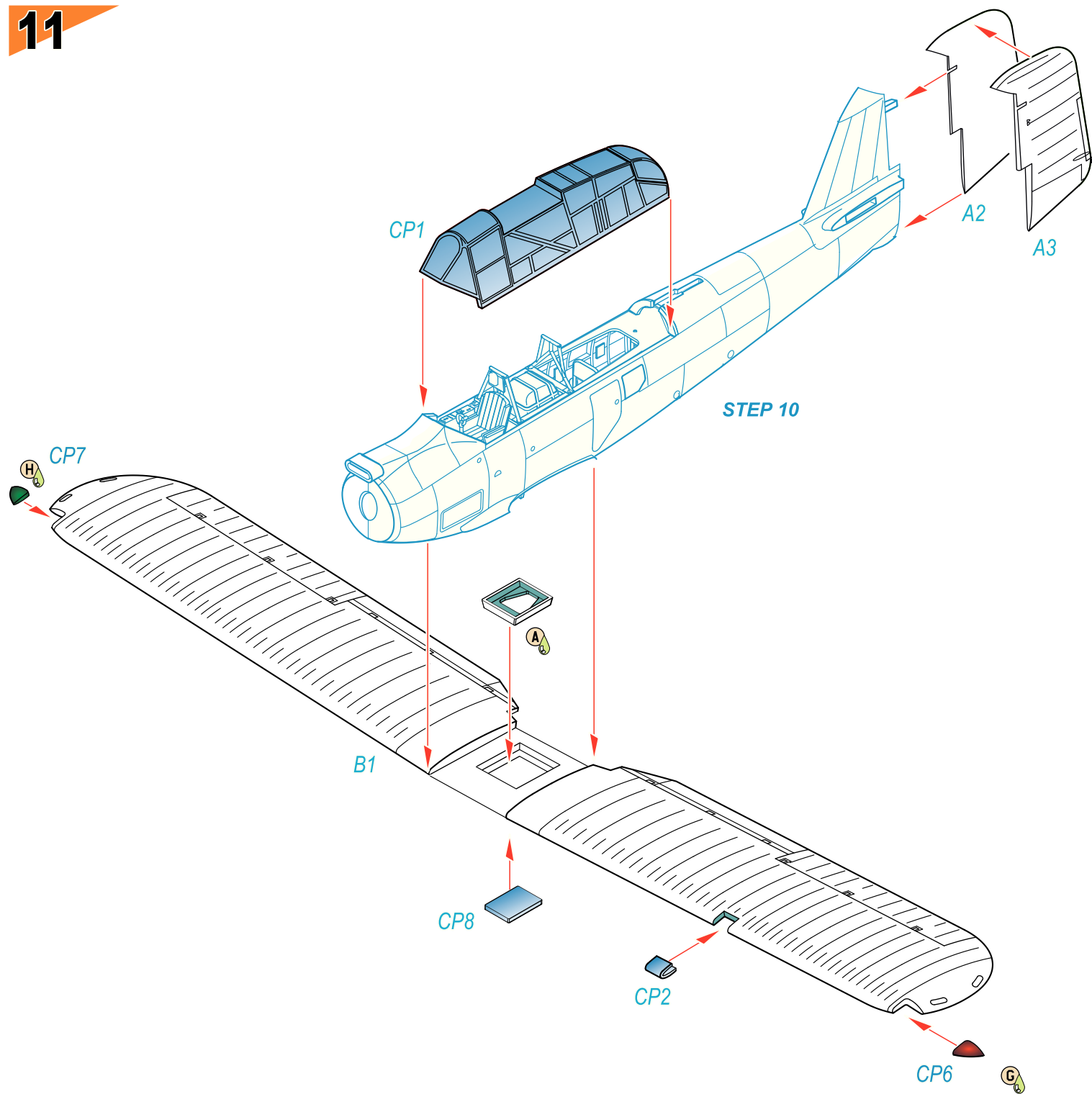
D

CP4

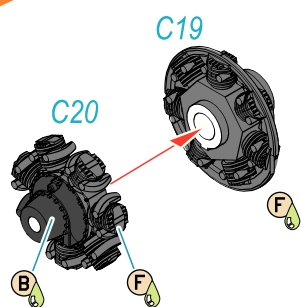
A1

STEP 9

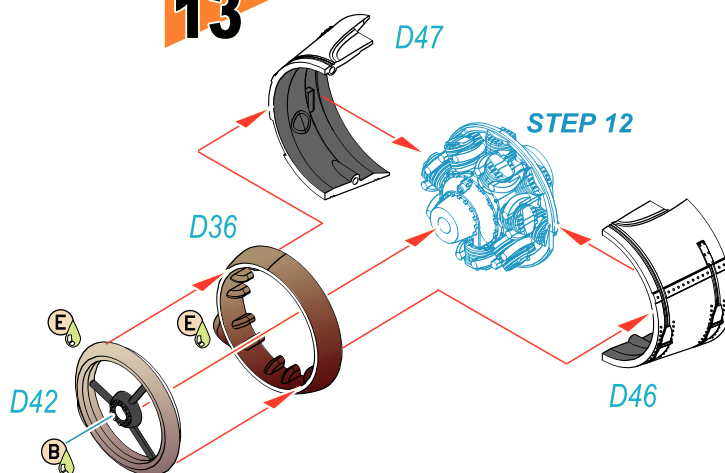
11



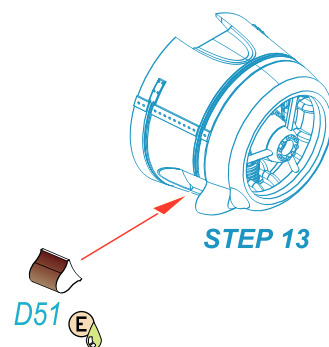
12



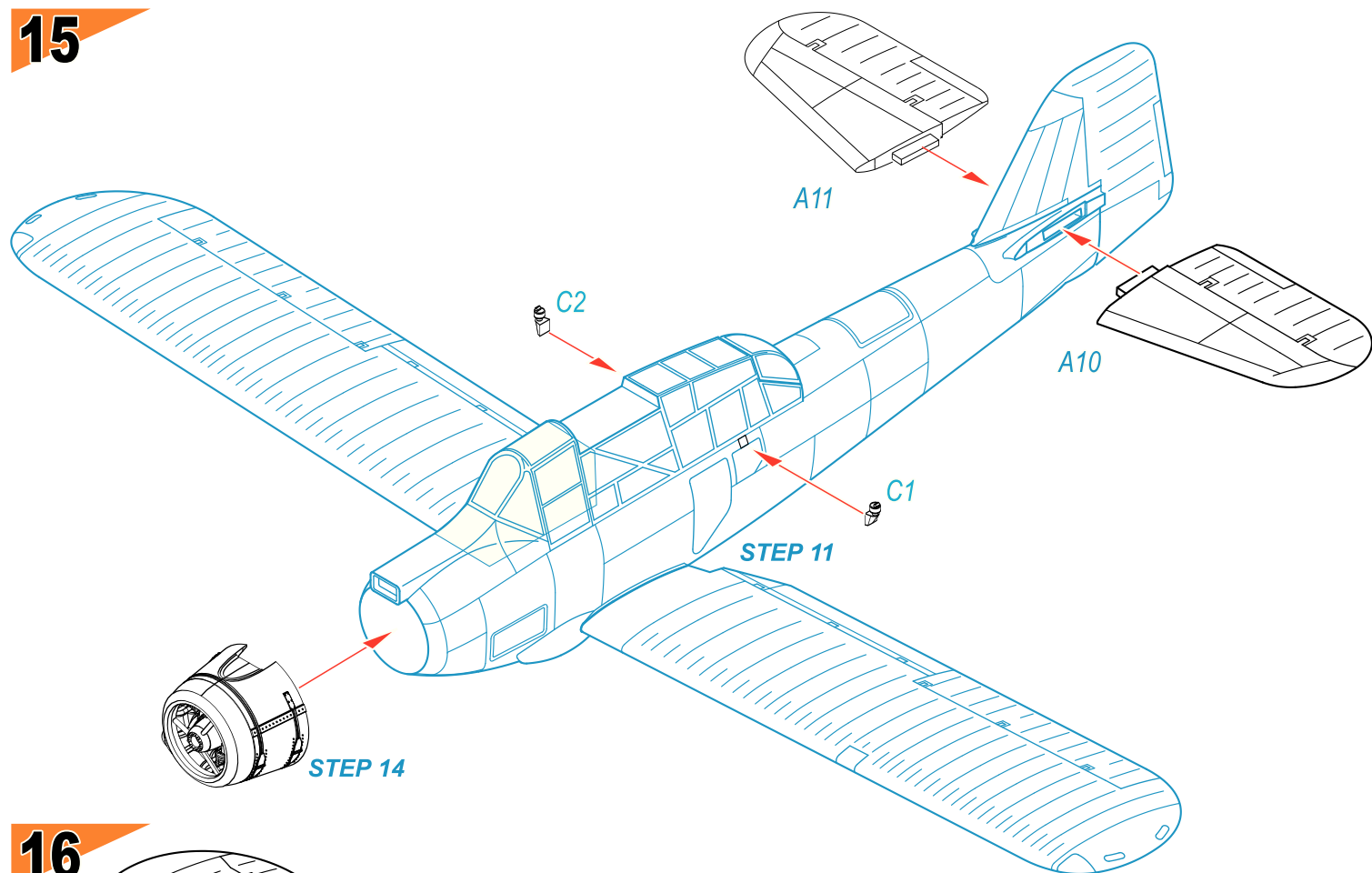
13



14



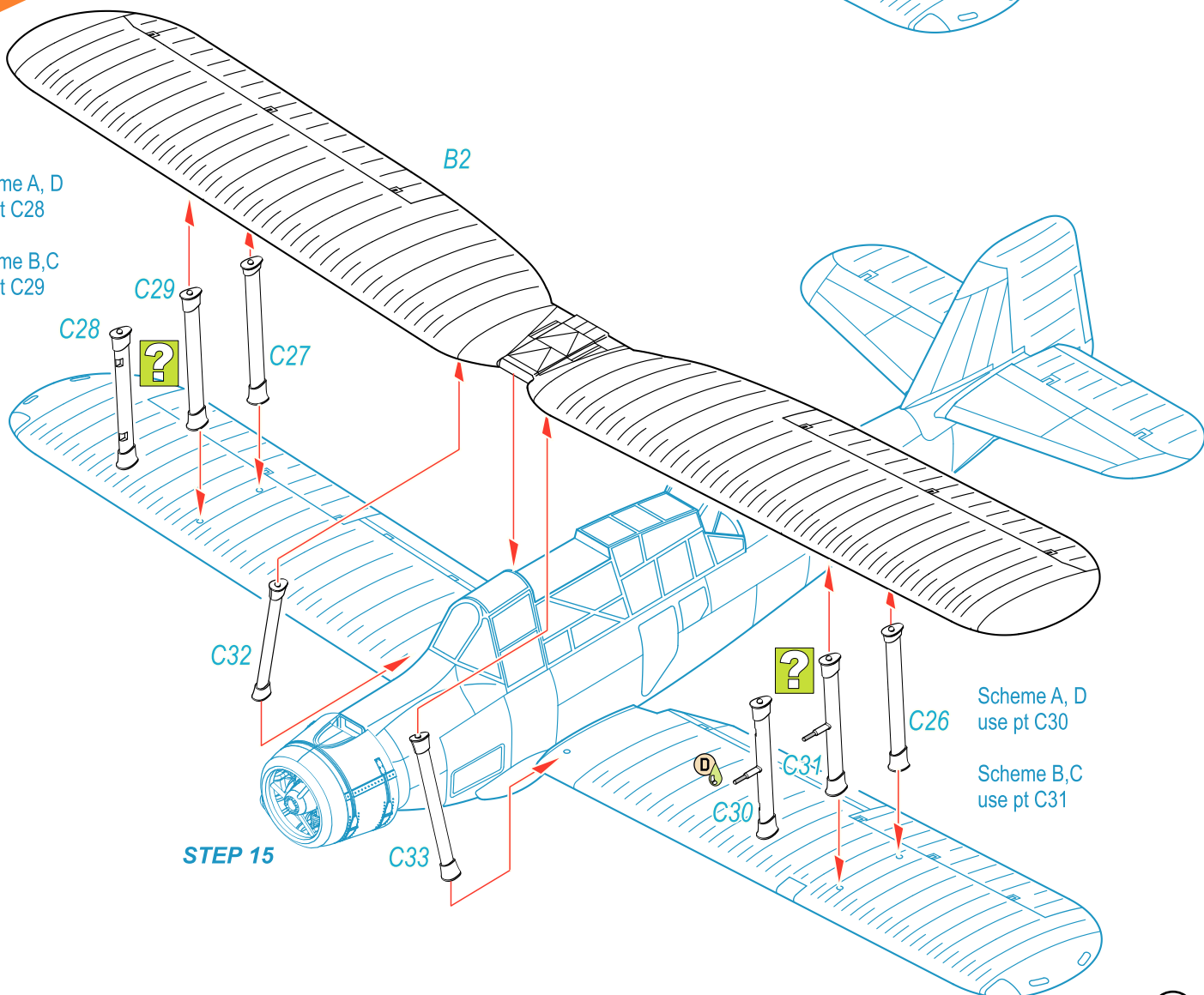
15



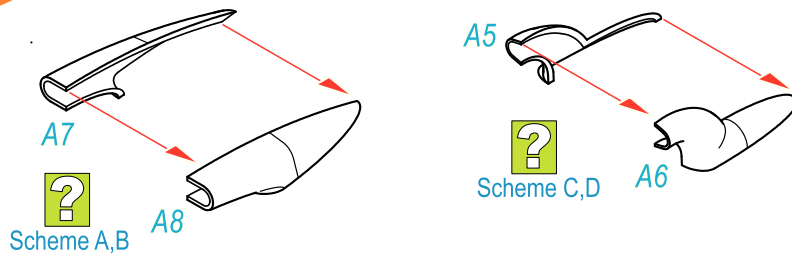
16

Scheme A, D
use pt C28

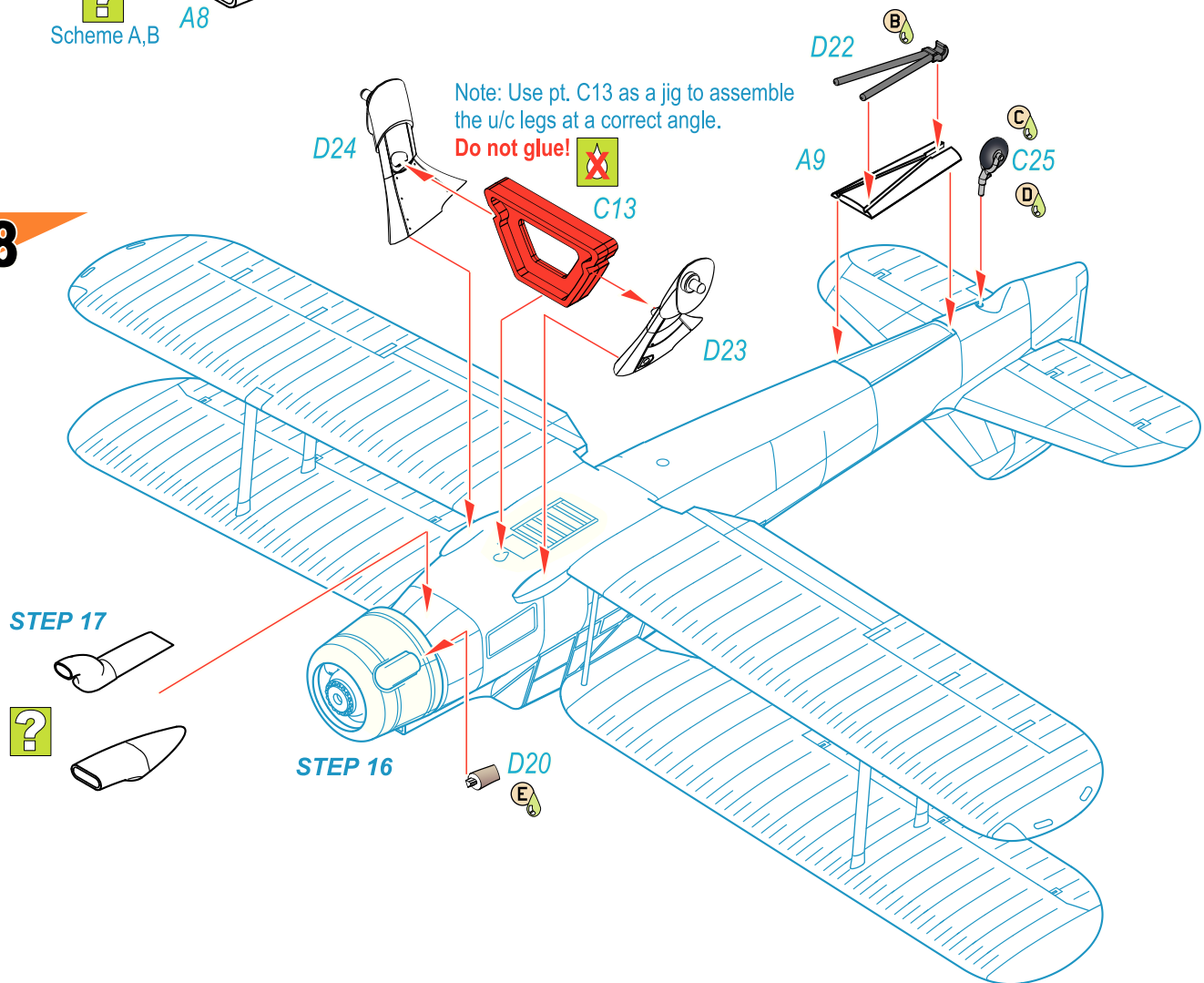
Scheme B, C
use pt C29



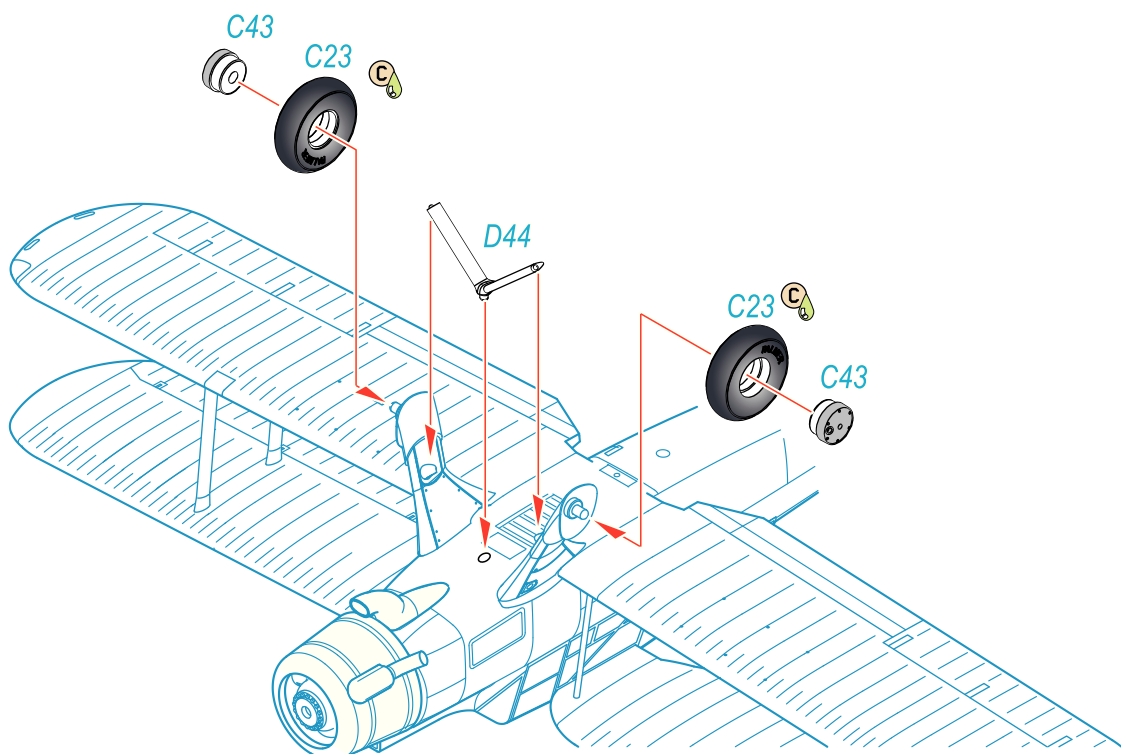
17

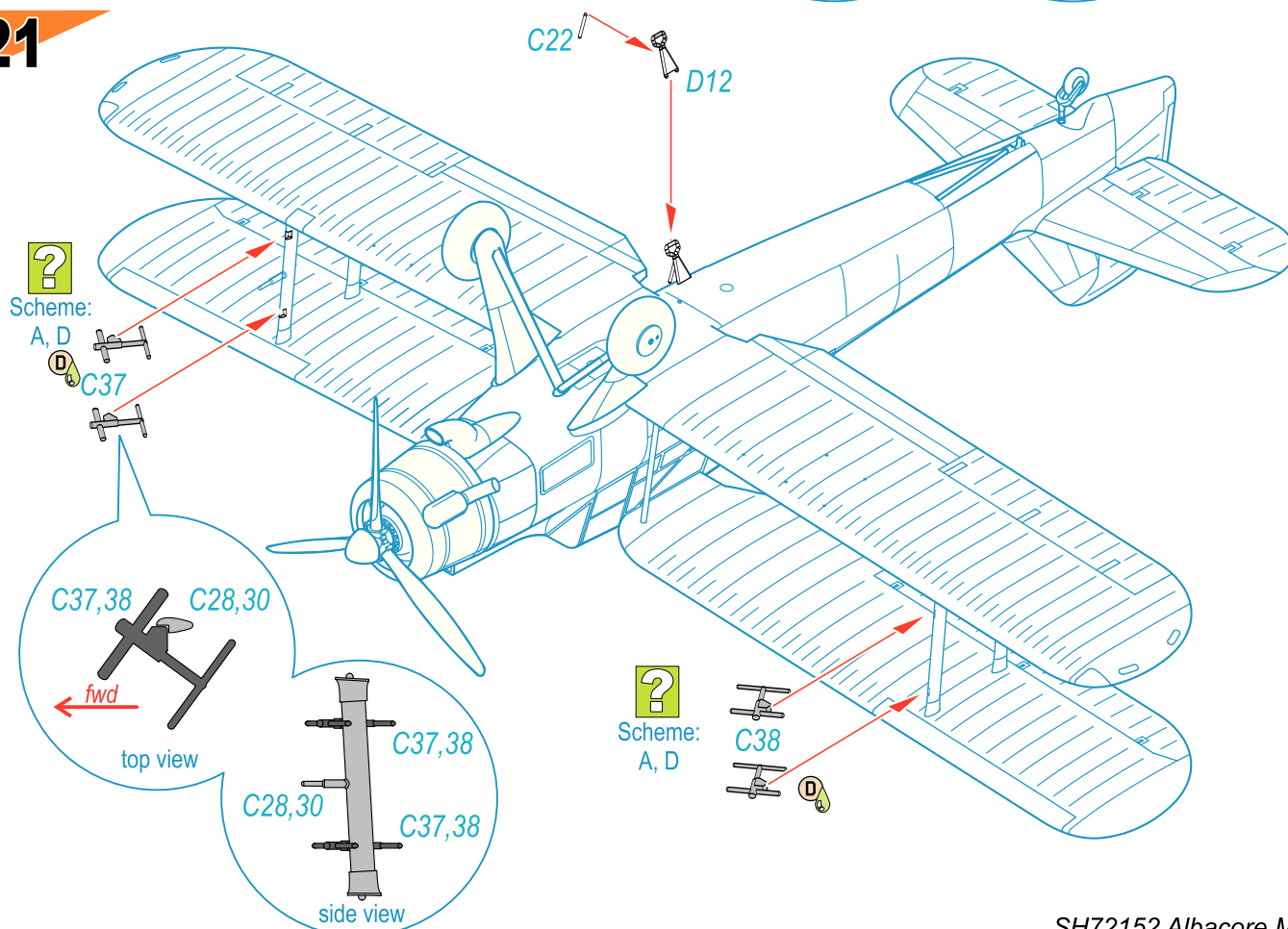
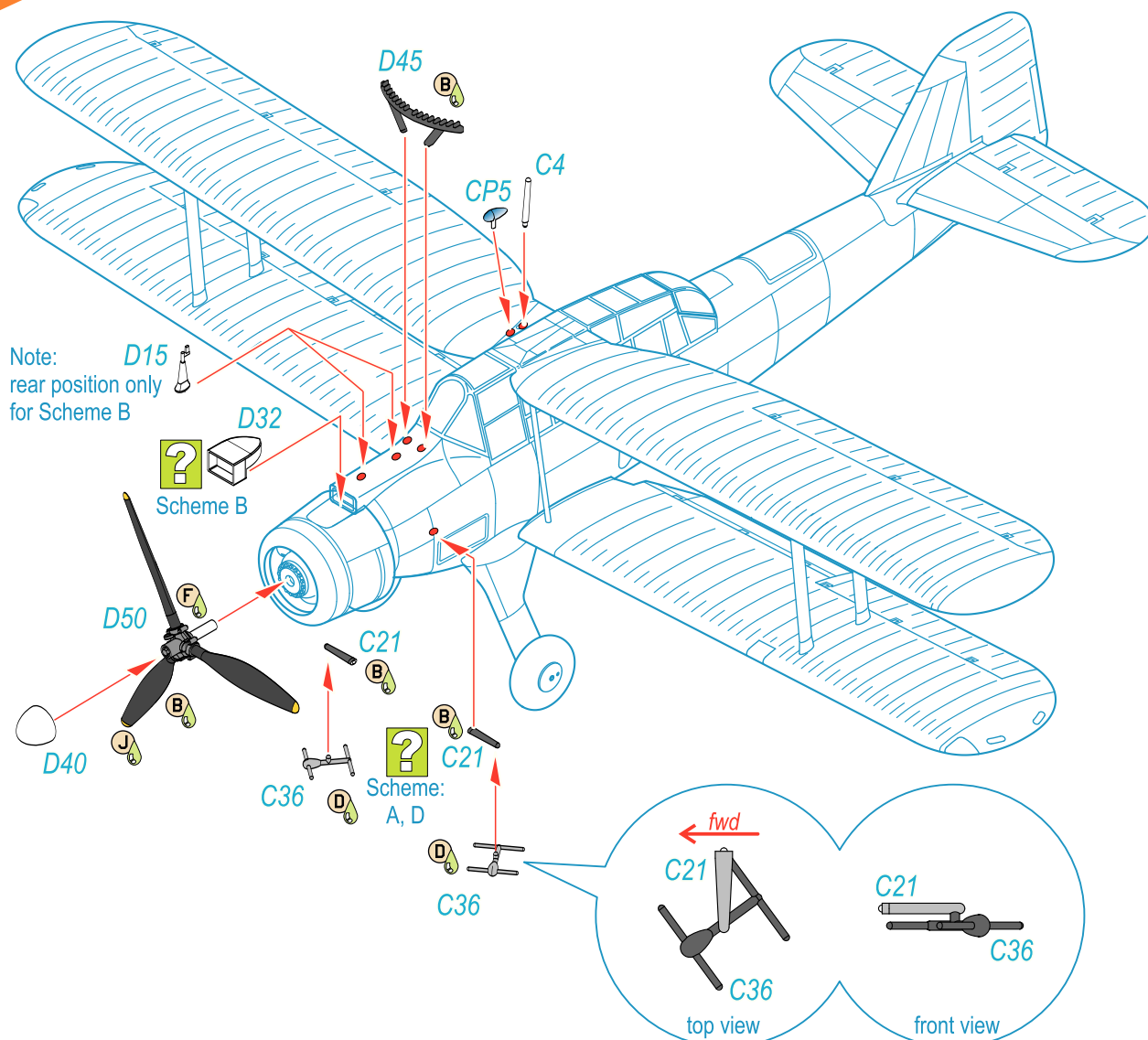


18

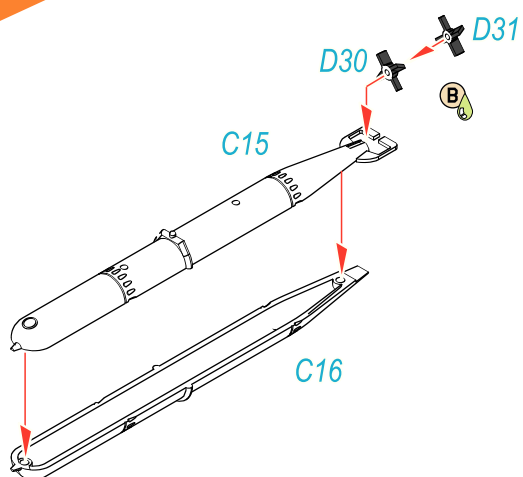


19

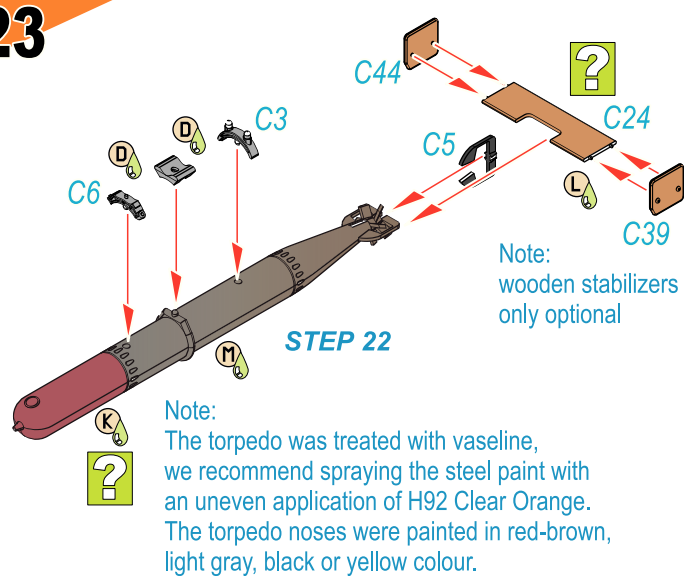




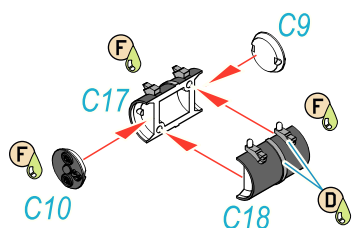
22



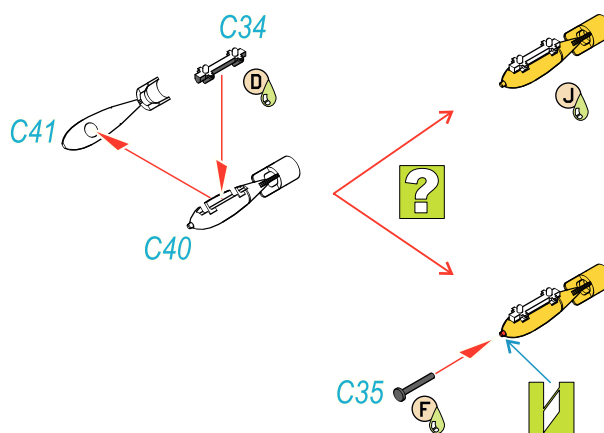
23



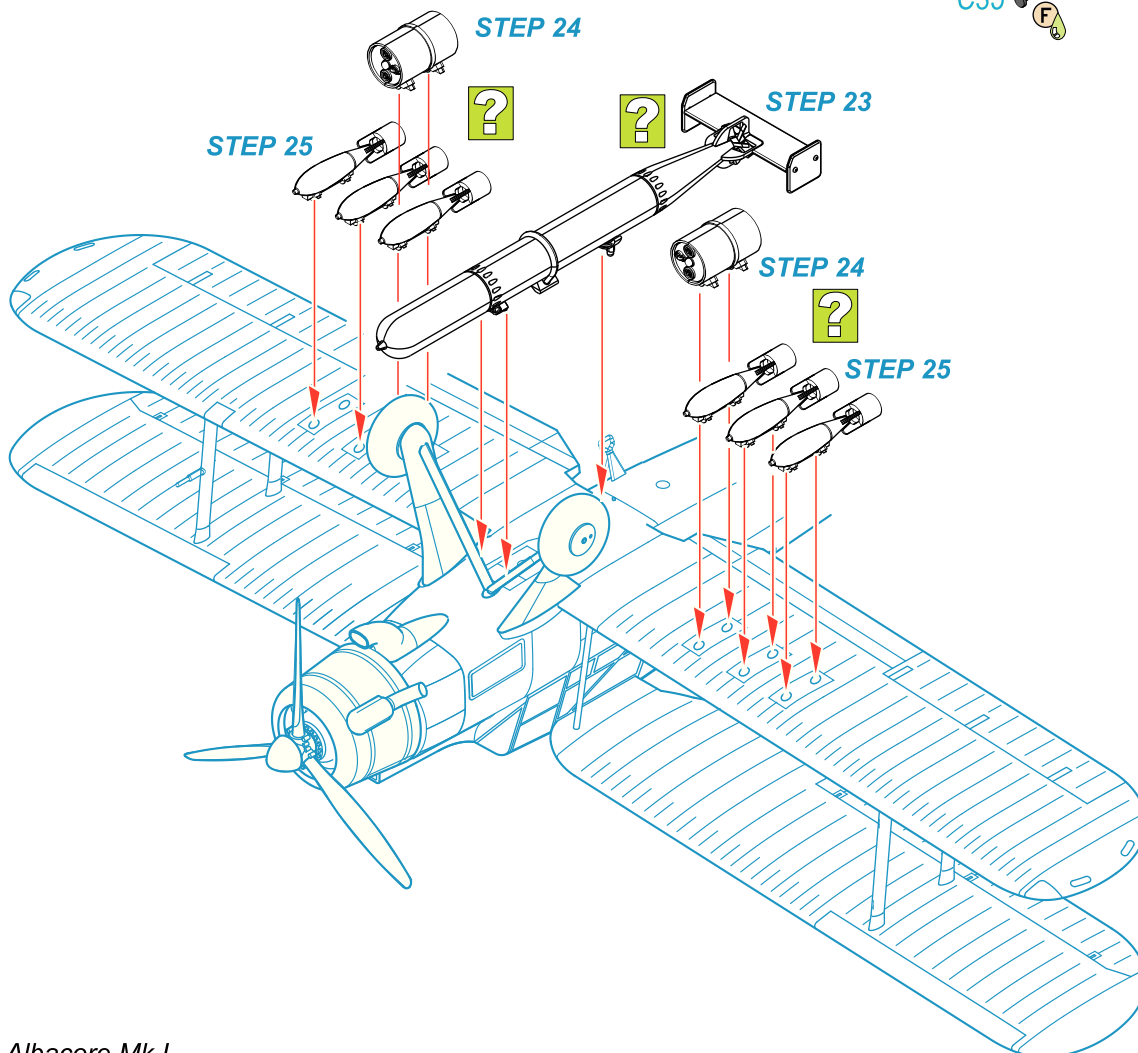
24 make 2



25 make 6



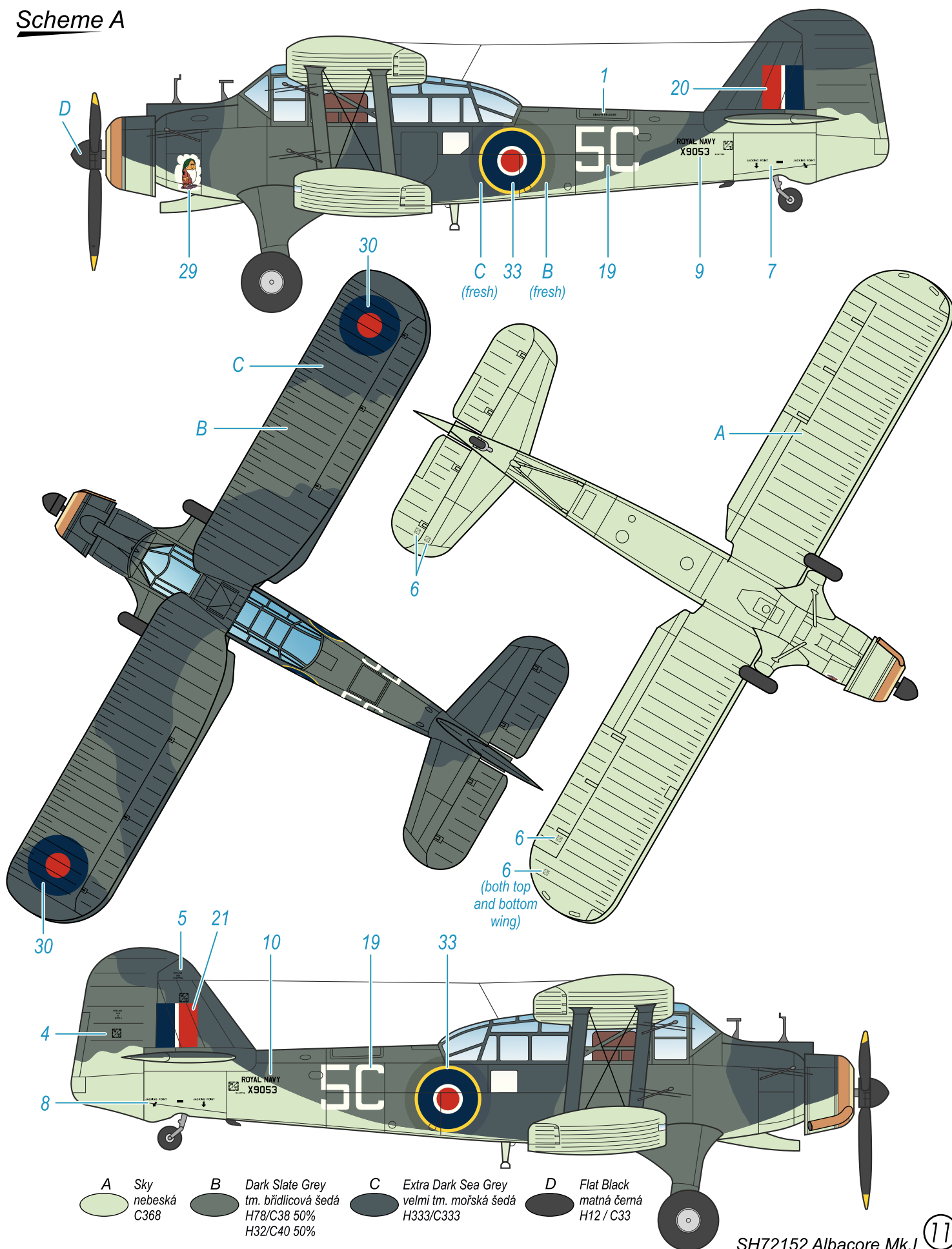
26



Fairey Albacore X9053, 5C, No 817 Sqn FAA, HMS Indomitable, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, 1943-44. Several Albacores of the unit had the motif of one of Snow White seven dwarfs painted on the lower engine cowl. 5C sported "Sleepy".

Fairey Albacore X9053, 5C, No 817 Sqn FAA, HMS Indomitable, Středomoří, 1943-44. Několik letounů Albacore této jednotky neslo na spodku předí kresby trpaslíků z pohádky o Sněhurce. Letoun 5C měl namalovaného Dřímala.

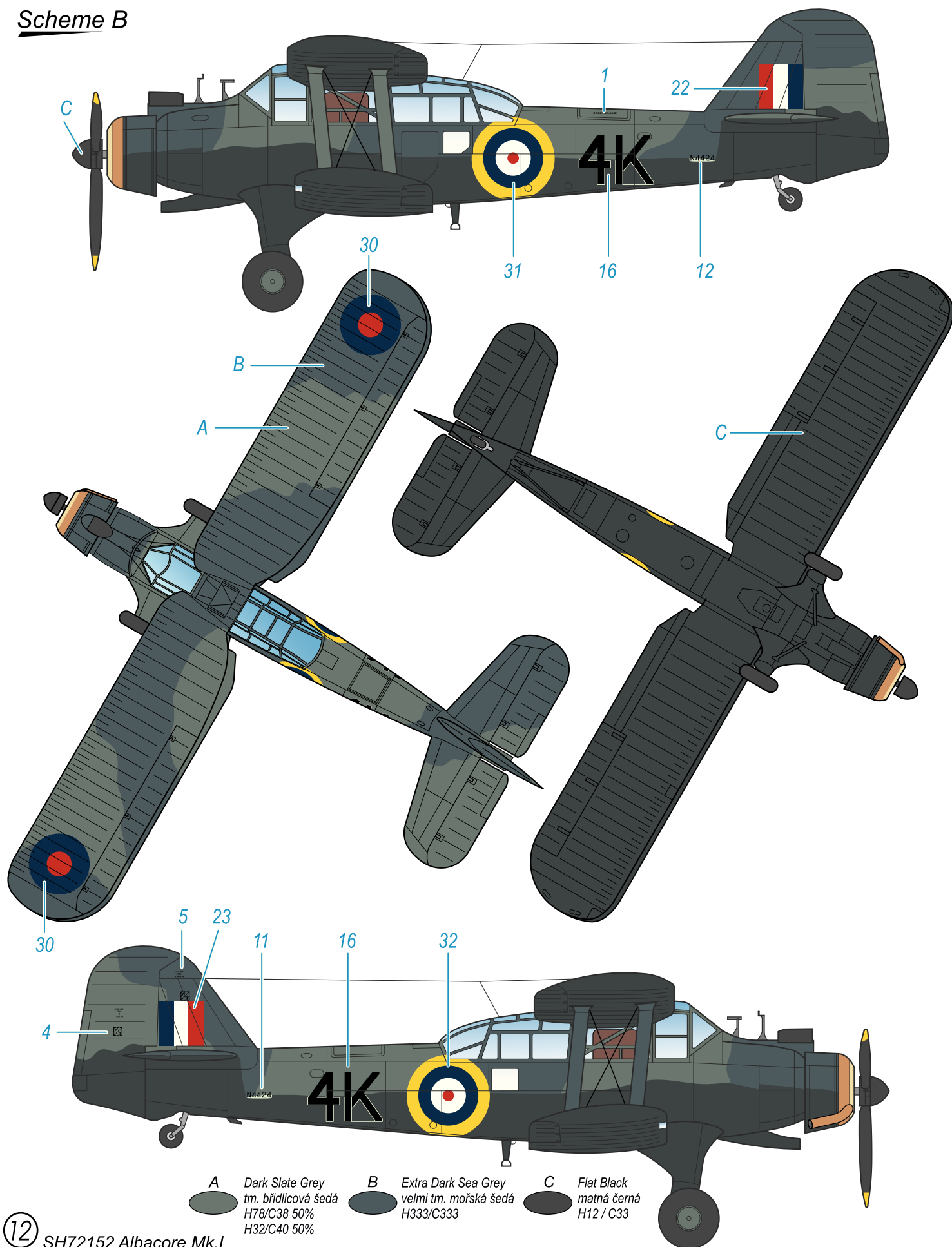
Scheme A



Fairey Albacore N4424, 4K, No 826 Sqn FAA, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, operated out of Malta and over Western Desert, 1942. Black on the undersurfaces was painted roughly after arrival to Malta, leaving light coloured outlines around the codes and serials.

Fairey Albacore N4424, 4K, No 826 Sqn FAA, Středomoří, používán z Malty k operacím nad Západní pouští, 1942. Černá na spodních plochách byla jen nahrubo natřena až po přeletu na Maltu a kolem trupových kódů a sériových čísel byl vynechán světlý okraj.

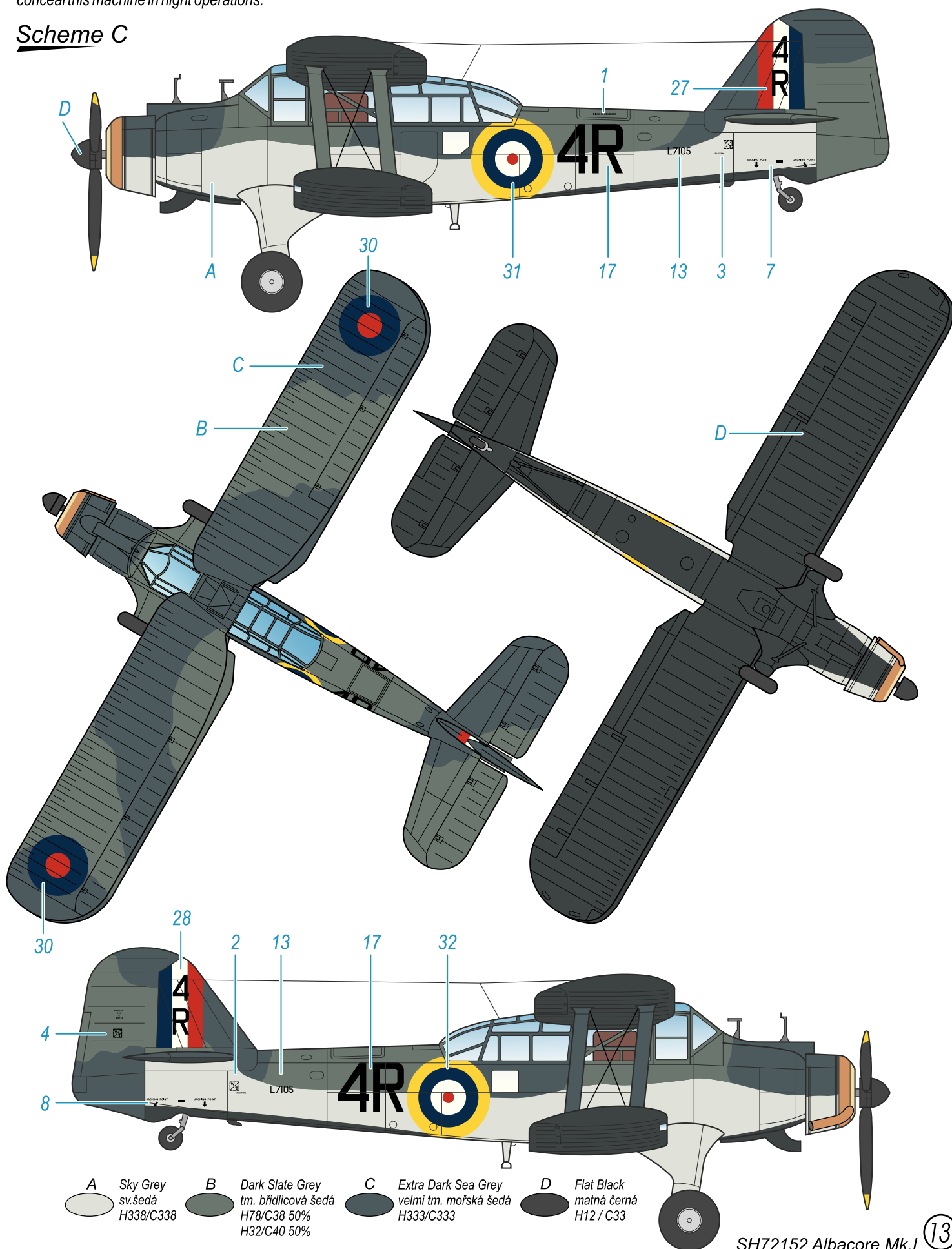
Scheme B



Fairey Albacore L7105, 4R, No 826 Sqn FAA, HMS Formidable, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, 1940-41. Delivered in May 1940, 4R was like other machines in the L and N range of serial numbers finished in S.1.E. scheme with Sky Grey on the undersurfaces. Period photo suggests Black was used on wings and lower fuselage to help further conceal this machine in night operations.

Fairey Albacore L7105, 4R, No 826 Sqn FAA, HMS Formidable, Středomoří, 1940-41. Stroj 4R byl dodán v květnu 1940 a stejně jako ostatní Albacory sérií L a N nesl barevné schéma S.1.E. s barvou Sky Grey na spodních plochách. Dobové foto naznačuje že křídla i trup zespodu byly dále přetřeny černou pro potřeby nočních akcí.

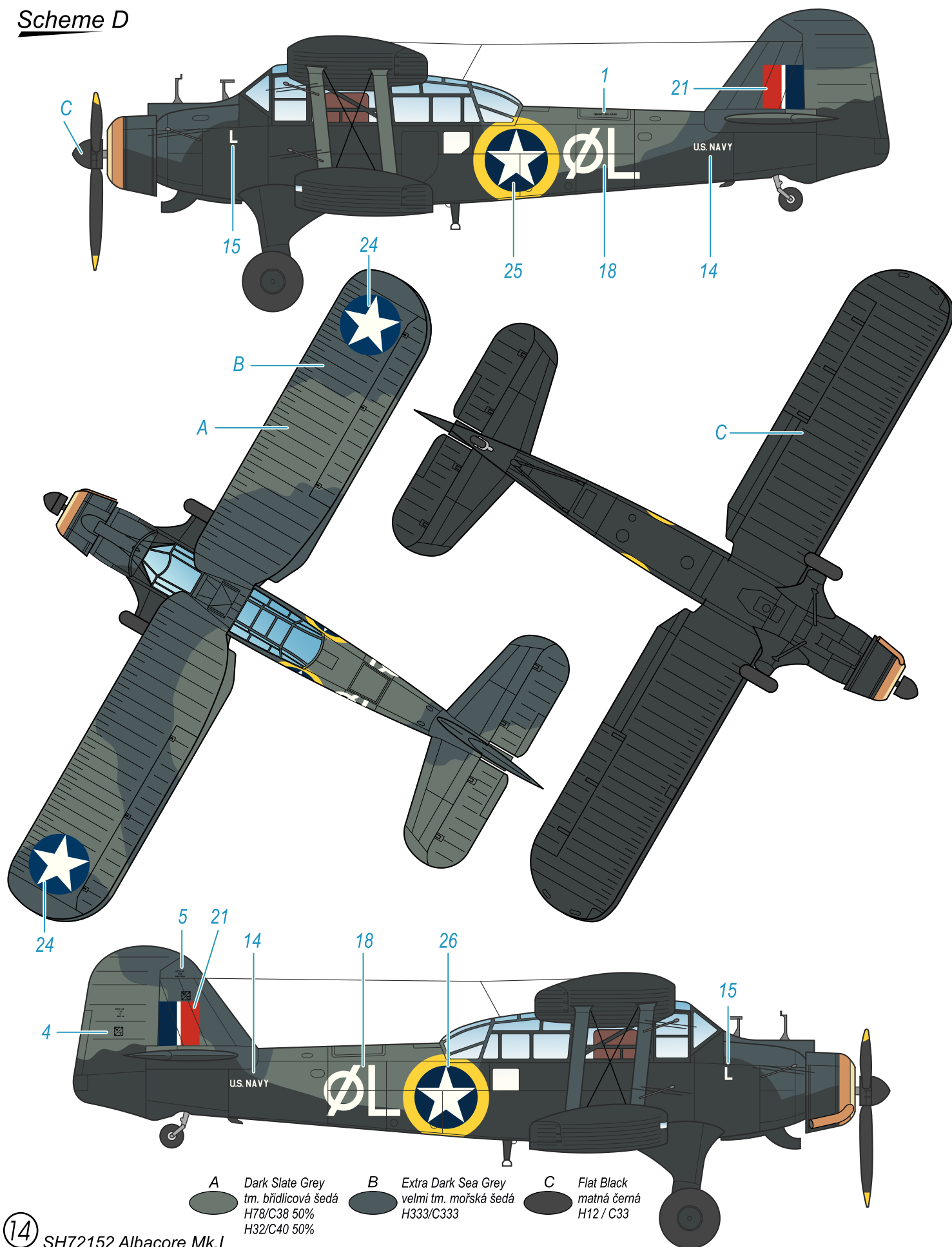
Scheme C



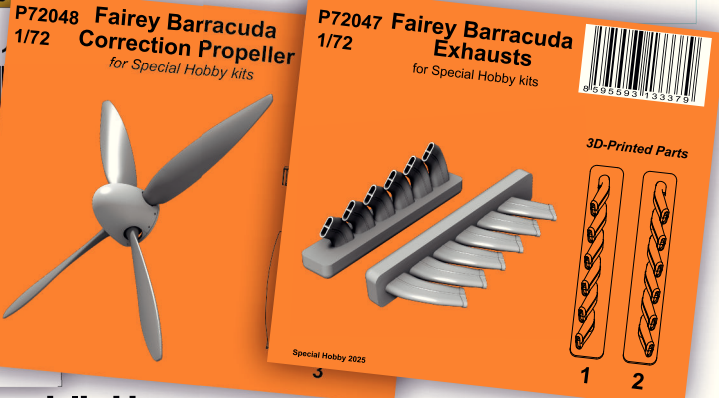
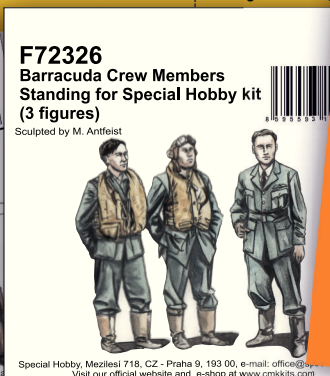
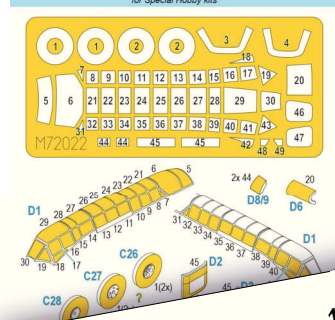
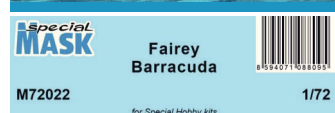
Fairey Albacore BF653, ØL, No 820 Sqn FAA, HMS Formidable, Operation Torch, November 1942. The serial no. was overpainted and replaced with U.S.NAVY and the US white star markings replaced the usual British roundels, on top wings without the yellow surround.

Fairey Albacore BF653, ØL, No 820 Sqn FAA, HMS Formidable, Operace Torch, Listopad 1942. Sériové číslo bylo zamalováno a nahrazeno označením U.S.NAVY a výsostné označení s bílými hvězdami nahradilo britské kokardy, na křídlech bez žlutých okrajů.

Scheme D



Special Hobby offers the Royal Navy Barracuda bomber as 1/72 kits and accessories for them as well



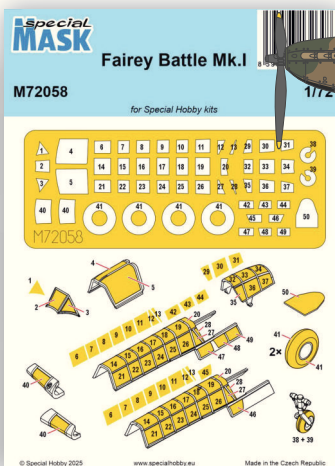
more at www.specialhobby.eu

EXCELLENT 1/72 FAIREY BATTLE KIT BY SPECIAL HOBBY

1/72 special HOBBY

Fairey Battle Mk.I 'Bloodbath over France'

For easier assembly of the Fairey Battle Mk.I we recommended our pre-cut mask M72058 Fairey Battle Mk.I MASK, sold separately. For your Fairey Battle Mk.I kit you can also get the excellent resin cast set 7520 Fairey Battle Mk.I Wheels.



EXCELLENT 1/72 RESIN CAST AND 3D PRINTED KITS BY SPECIAL HOBBY

Morris CS9
British Light Armored Car
'Battle of France'

MV132
1/72

DETAILNI STAVEBNICE S RESINOVYMI, 3D TISTENYMI, LEPTANIMI A OBTISKY

DETAILED KIT CONTAINS RESIN, 3D PRINTED, P-E PARTS AND DECALS

MADE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Fordson WOT2D
'Van Body'

MV135
1/72

MADE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Detailed resin kit contains 3D printed parts, P-E fret and decals

M29C Weasel
'Amphibious Version'

MV137
1/72

DETAILNI 3D TISTENÁ STAVEBNICE S LEPTY A OBTISKY

DETAILED 3 PRINTED KIT WITH P-E PARTS AND DECALS

MADE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

special HOBBY

facebook.com/specialhobby
WWW.SPECIALHOBBY.EU

CMK
CZECH MASTER'S KITS