

# NEWSLETTER

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**N-3PB** 1/72  
"NO.330 (NORWEGIAN) SQUADRON"



**CAPRONI CA.311**  
FOREIGN SERVICE 1/72



**N-3PB**  
"LITTLE NORWAY SERVICE" 1/72



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In June, a pair of long-promised N-3PB models would finally hit the shelves as well as a very interesting re-release of the Caproni Ca.311 kit. Our completely new Fouga CM.175 Zéphyr and Folland F.1 Gnat models will also become available. In the offing for the summer time there are three kits of Italian floatplanes known as the IMAM (Romeo) Ro.43 and Ro.44. These three, unlike all the earlier-mentioned models, will delight fans of the quarter scale. The 1/32 Tempest master model parts are already finished (the model will be offered in Mk.II, Mk.V and Mk.VI versions) and we are currently working on the moulds. In the history of our company, we have never produced so complicated and detailed project as is the 32nd Tempest. Among our further projects, you can find also a model of an iconic Czechoslovak biplane from the immediate pre-war era which was called the Letov Š-328. This plane flew also during the Second World War and was operated by several air forces. We are convinced that it might make the type interesting not only for Czech and Slovak modellers.

At present, the following models are hopelessly sold out: SA72001 SS-100 Gigant, SA72003 A4/V2 Rocket and SA72014 A4/V2 Prototypes, all in 1/72 scale. However, we consider to re-issue them and we will of course keep you informed in due time.

## June news in close-up:

Caproni Ca.311 belonged to the developmental series of light twin-engined aircraft designed in the 1930s by Ing. Pallavicino. At the end of the 1930s the Regia Aeronautica realized that it is necessary to replace the obsolete reconnaissance IMAM R.37 biplanes. The requirements were specified in the R plan that determined the future development of the Italian Air Force. Together with his team Ing. Pallavicino proposed the modification to Ca.310 and it was partially tested on Ca.310bis machines produced for the Yugoslavian Air Force. Therefore no prototype was built but right away the first production machine, M.M. 11479. It was test flown on April 1, 1939 by Ettore Wengi. Instead of 316-345 KW/ 430-470 Hp Piaggio P.VII C.16 engines used on Ca.310/ 310bis the Ca.311 was powered by more powerful version 368 KW/ 500 Hp Piaggio P.VII C.35 engines. Thanks to these engines the aircraft had higher performance and richer equipment. Comparing to the Ca.310 the offensive armament was more efficient. The gun turret was located just behind the canopy and the defence of the lower side was provided by flexible machine gun that fired through a slot. The Ca.311 was also considered as light bomber and transport aircraft. The production started in three Caproni's affiliates. It was produced in two versions; the original Ca.311 featured smooth nose glazing, Ca.311M (M for modificato) version featured stepped nose glazing. In total, 320 machines were produced; 86 of that number was the Ca.311M version. The three seater Ca.311 were deployed in 1940 fights against France, flew combat missions in Africa, over the Balkan, on the Eastern front against the USSR and, of course in Italy. Several machines were exported to Croatia. At least one machine was captured by the RAF.

## SH72313 Caproni Ca.311 Foreign Service 1/72

As the name of this model already suggests, the camouflage options featured in the model bring markings for various users outside Italy. If you fancy building something less usual, you can choose between a Ca.311 of the Yugoslav Air Force, Croatian Ca.311M or a captured Ca.311 in a RAF guise. The kit parts come on three sprues, wings and small parts are in standard grey styrene runners while the fuselage frame is injected completely clear. This feature eliminates the challenging assembly of the fuselage windows for the Ca.311 version. Our spray masks will certainly help modellers come painting time. The kit also contains crisply cast resin and a fret of photo-etched parts.



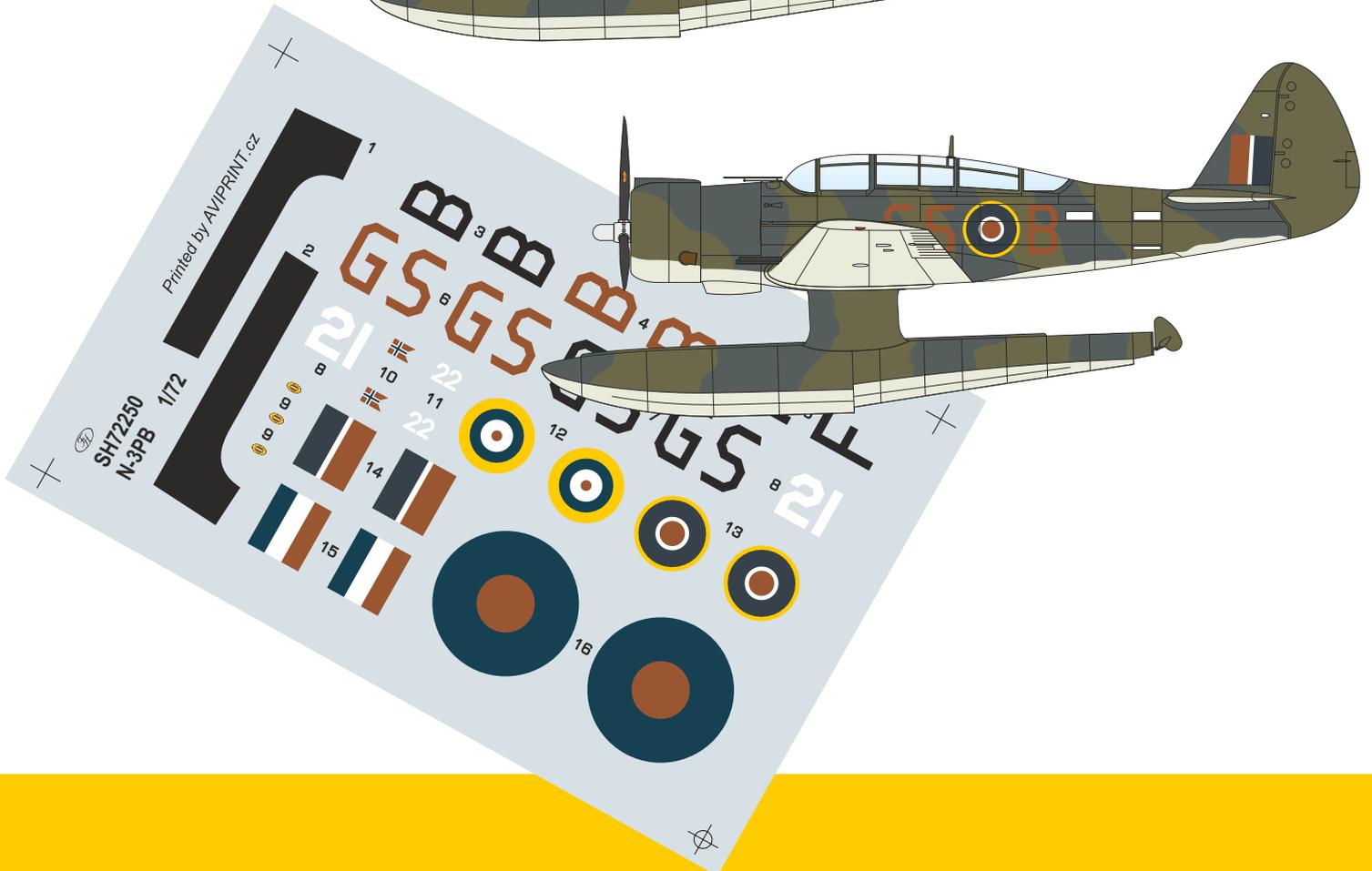
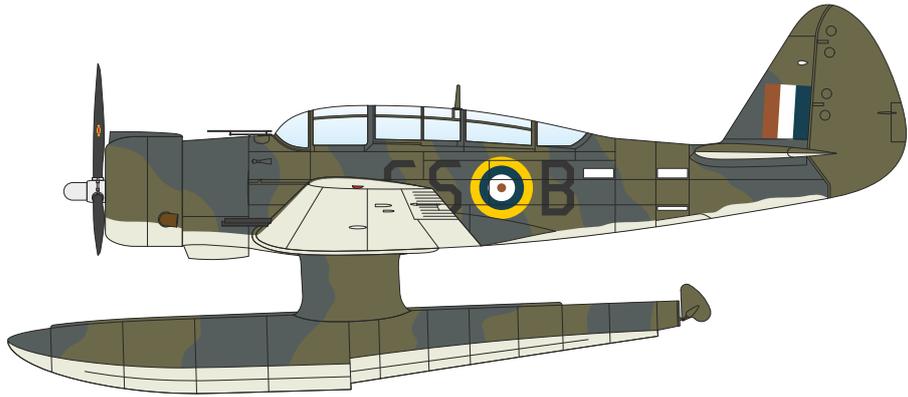
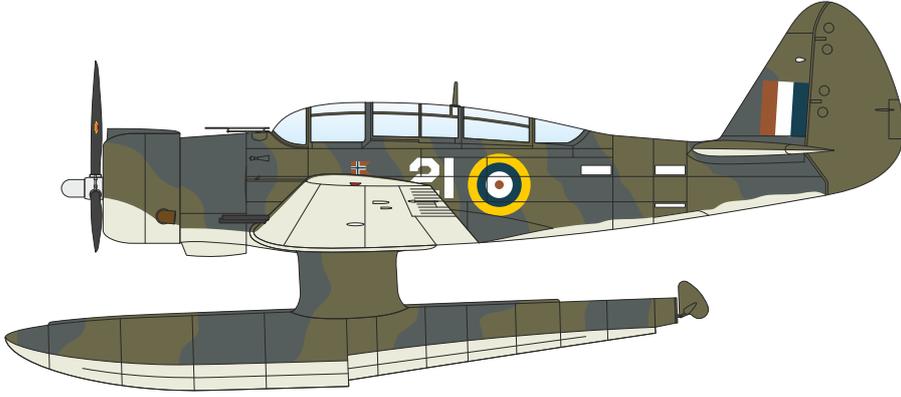
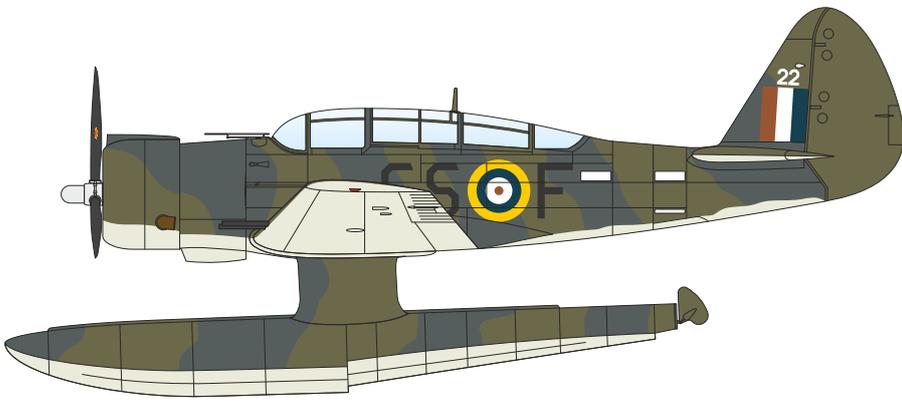
Norway, re-established as an independent country in 1905, declared its neutrality right after its inception. The neutrality helped Norway to avoid being dragged into World War 1, but during WW2, Norway was attacked and occupied by Nazi Germany. Norwegian politicians were fully aware of possible German threat and on the eve of the German attack, they decided to re-equip and strengthen the Norway's obsolete air force. The Norwegian purchasing commission made an order in the USA for Curtiss 75A-8 Hawk fighter planes, single-engined Douglas DB8A-5 bombers (already produced in 1/72 scale by MPM under cat.no 72536) and also for Northrop N-3PB floatplanes capable of carrying torpedos and suitable for anti-sub missions. All those aircraft used the same power-plant chosen by the Norwegians and it was a R-1820 radial engine produced by Wright company. What is more, the DB-8 and N-3PB types had been designed by the same designer, John Northrop. (He sold the DB-8 design to Douglas along with his factory where the type had been produced under A-17/A-17A name). By the time of the German invasion to Norway, only the Hawk fighters had been delivered. Twenty-four of the already built N-3PB aircraft were delivered later, during March 1941 to the Norwegian air force in exile. Initially, the planes were used for training purposes in the so-called Little Norway which was an area provided by the Canadian government to the Norwegians. In total 18 planes were handed over to No.330 (Norway) sqn RAF that operated them under very inhospitable weather conditions from Patricia Bay RCAF station, Vancouver Island in Canada and also from Island Harbour base in Toronto. The squadron was later re-equipped with Catalina flying boats and the Northrop floatplanes were used only for training, transport and communication flights.

### **SH72250 N-3PB "No.330 (Norwegian) Squadron", 1/72**

The N-3PB were being operated by No.330 (Norwegian) squadron based on Iceland for a quite long period of time. Initially, the planes flew with the early RAF type of roundels and with fuselage numbers instead of squadron codes which were incorporated later on. During 1942, a new type of RAF markings was introduced and replaced the older ones also on the N-3PB airframes and the colour of the fuselage codes was changed as well. The decal sheet covers all the above options and caters for three machines, one with the initial markings and numbers on the fuselage and the other two with the fuselage code letters in two different colours and wearing the early and also the later style of the RAF roundels.

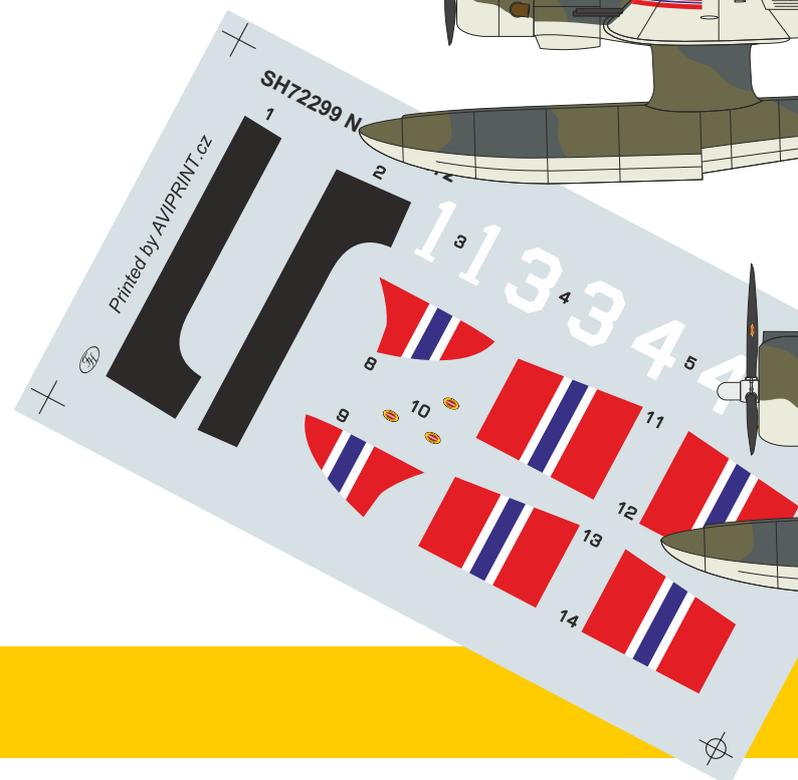
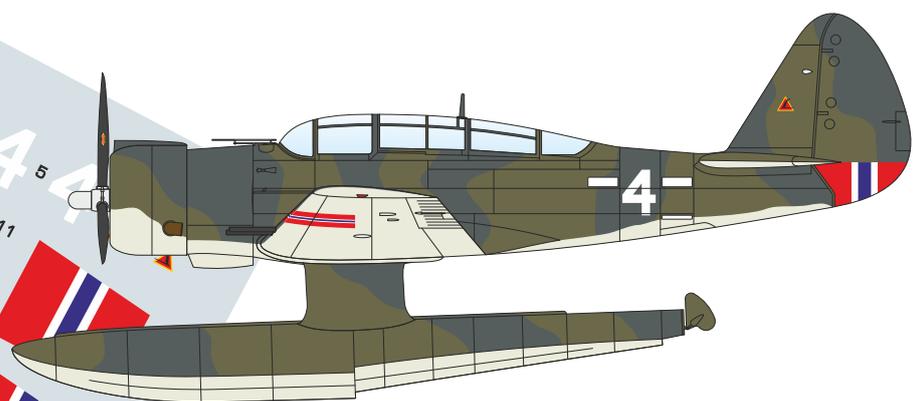
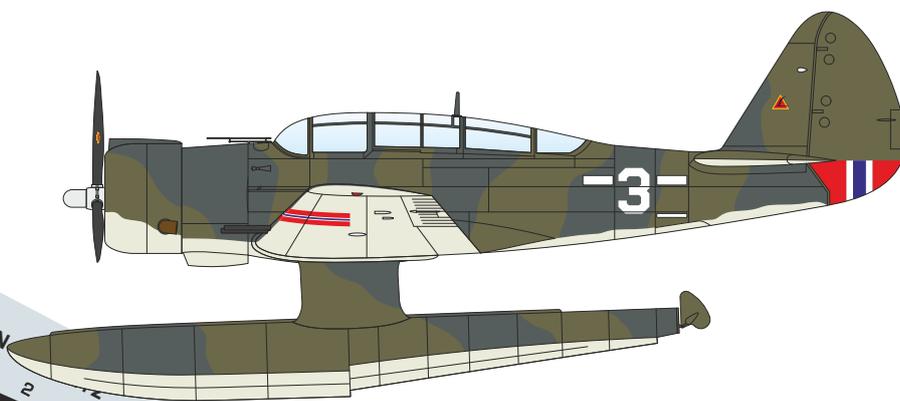
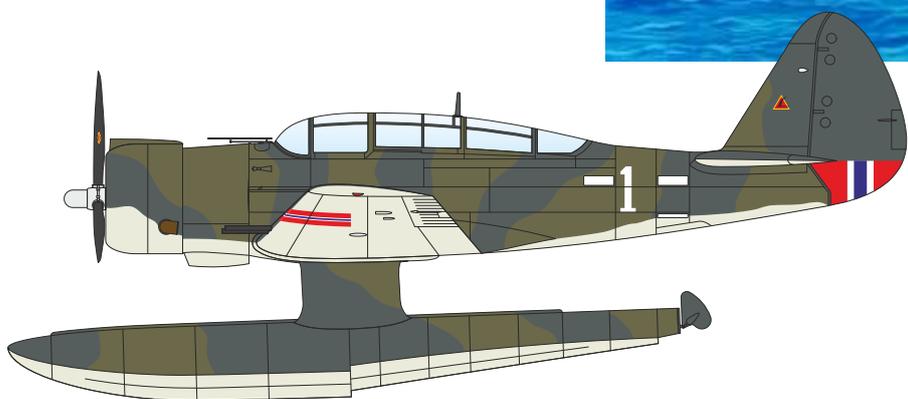


The kit features three grey styrene runners and one with the clear parts. Some of the smaller parts were created using our advanced CAD design and a metallic insert in the standard moulds will assure their best possible quality. Among those 3D-designed parts is also the beaching gear. The photo-etched fret takes care of some interior detail, water rudders and mooring points.



## SH72299 N-3PB "Little Norway Service", 1/72

This offering comes with exactly the same runners and set of brass parts as the previous model of the Northrop N-3PB (SH72250). The difference is in the decal sheet which now features three different machines that were operated in Little Norway and flew with Norwegian markings in the form of stripes in Norway's national colours.

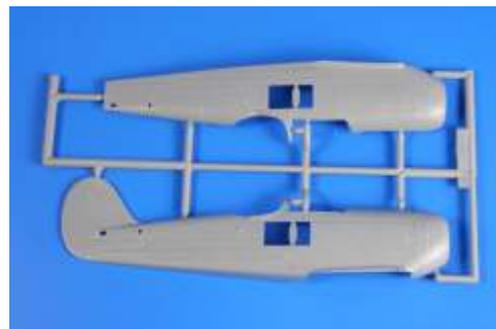
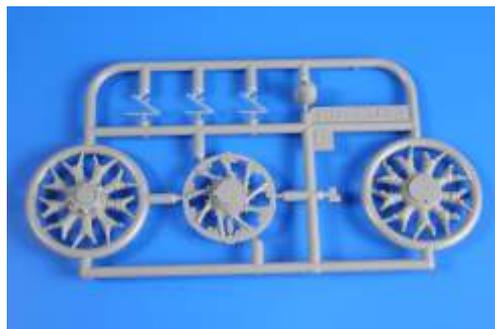
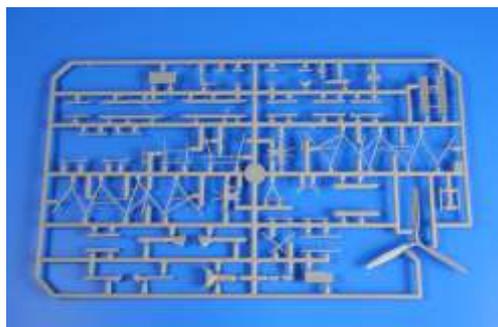
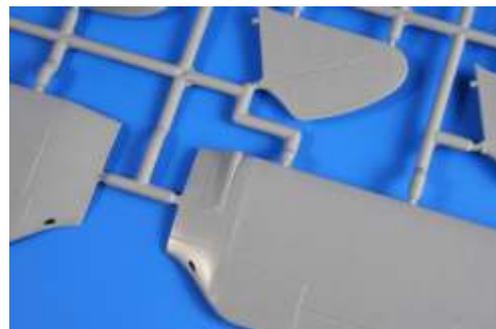
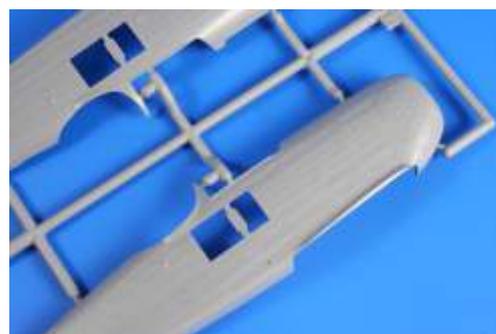


We are preparing these models for July 2015:

SH48137 IMAM (Romeo) Ro.43 "Red Striped" 1/48

SH48140 IMAM (Romeo) Ro.44 "Italian Float Fighter" 1/48

You can already make your pre-orders of these models.

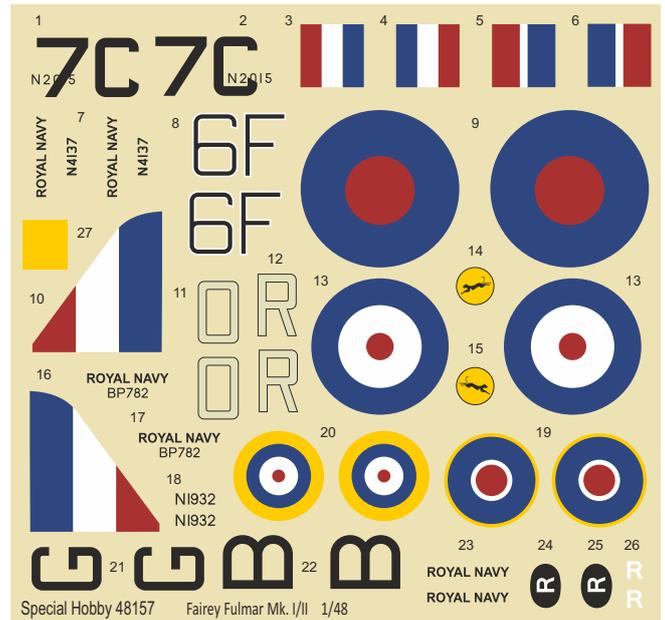


# Forthcoming new releases:

SH48157

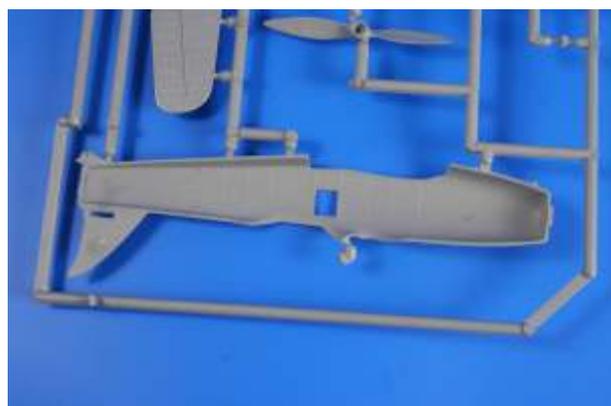
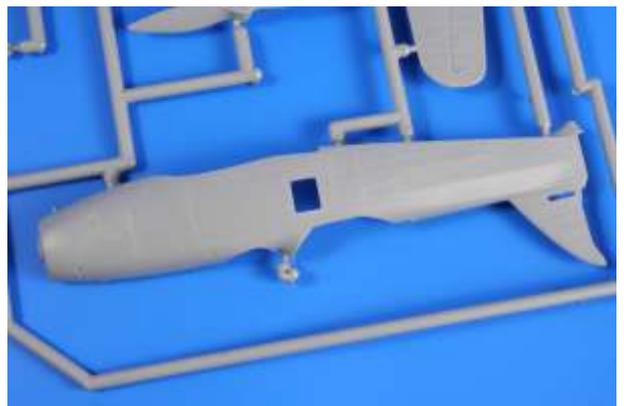
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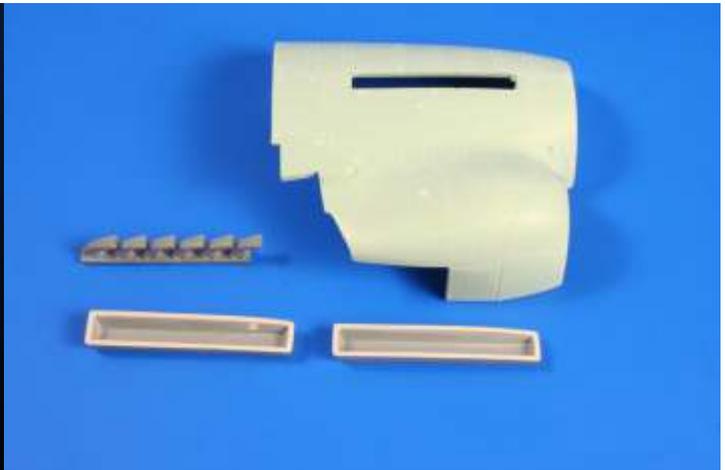
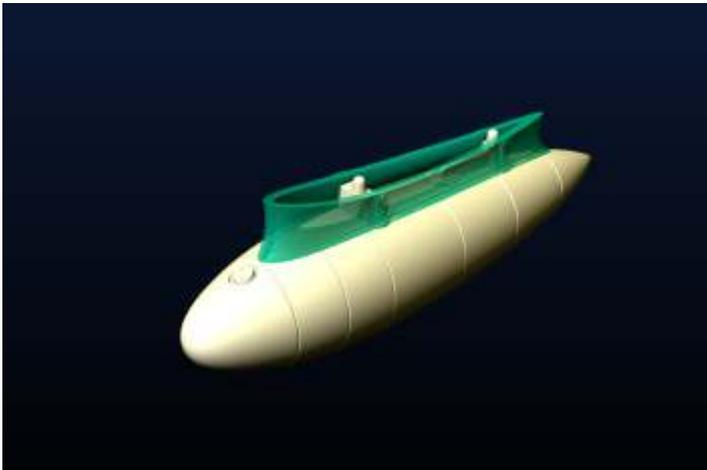
Hi-Tech version 1/48



SH72145

Letov Š.328 I./II. serie "Czechoslovak Army AF" 1/72







# RESIN KITS and SETS 06/2015

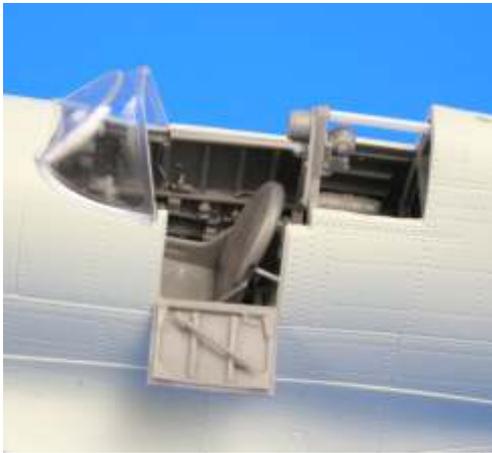
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ITEM  
5106

## Spitfire Mk.IIA - Interior set for Revell kit

Scale  
1/32

Extremely detailed set that completely replaces the original interior parts of the new Revell Spitfire Mk.II model. The new interior offers the fuselage bulkheads, fuselage floor, padded pilots' seat, headrest with its armoured backplate and other details as well. The set comes with pre-painted PE fret and a decals sheet of the interior stencilling.



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CMK 5106 Spitfire Mk.II 1/32  
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ITEM  
4309

## EADS GAF Recce Pod

Scale  
1/48

EADS GAF Recce Pod is a modern optical reconnaissance pod for low and mid flight levels and can be fitted to a model of West-European Panavia Tornado of the German Luftwaffe. Full set of stencils is provided via a decal sheet and it comes with a thorough guide showing the stencils location.

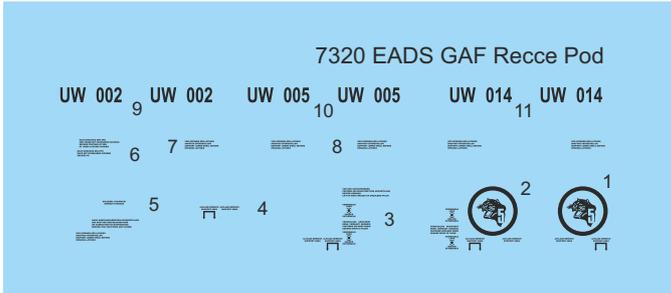
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7320

### EADS GAF Recce Pod

Scale  
1/72



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ITEM  
F35 256

### Russian WW II Sniper Ace

Scale  
1/35

Excellent figure of a Russian sniper from the WW2 period wearing a camouflage tarp. The head and the gun come as a separate parts.



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ITEM  
F48 272

## Knight with spear

Scale  
1/48

Lovely rendition of an English knight wearing a hauberk (a type of mail armour), a great helm and armed with a spear. The arms, sword, spear tip and the shield are supplied individually.



Bar Code: 8595593122564



ITEM  
F48 273

## Chevalier (Knight on Horseback)

Scale  
1/48

Superbly sculpted resin figure depicting an English knight on horseback. The warrior wears a hauberk and has a great helm on his head, while his arms, sword, spear tip and the shield come as separate parts. Lower half of the figure is cast in one piece with the horse.



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ITEM  
F48 274

### US Army Gunner in Vietnam

Scale  
1/48



Finely detailed figure of a US Army soldier from the Vietnam War era. The head, both forearms and the M60 machine gun are provided as a separate parts.

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ITEM  
F48 275

### US WW II Tank Commander

Scale  
1/48



Resin figure of a WW2 US Tank Commander comes with stunning details. The left arm is a separate piece while the right hand, cast together with the body, is resting in the soldier's pocket. He is wearing a zippered jacket and a tank helmet on his head.

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ITEM  
**F48 276**

**US WW II Tank Crewman**

Scale  
**1/48**



Superbly detailed resin-cast figure of an American WW2 tank crewmann. His left arm is provided as a separate item, the jacket is undone and he wears a tank helmet and goggles.



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**Q72 227**

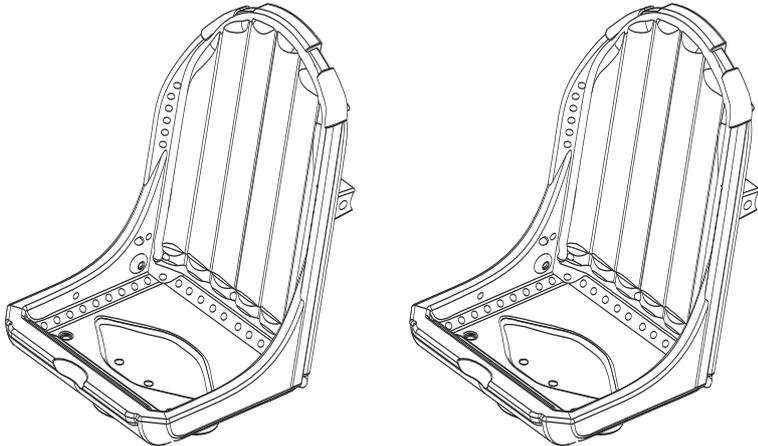
**Fougua Magister Seats (2 pcs.)  
for Special Hobby, Valom, Heller and Airfix kits**

Scale  
**1/72**

Impressive resin seats designed to enliven models of the Fougua Magister, one of the most commonly used jet trainer aircraft of the last century.



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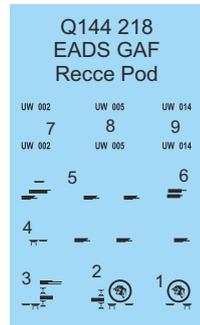
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EADS GAF Recce Pod

Scale  
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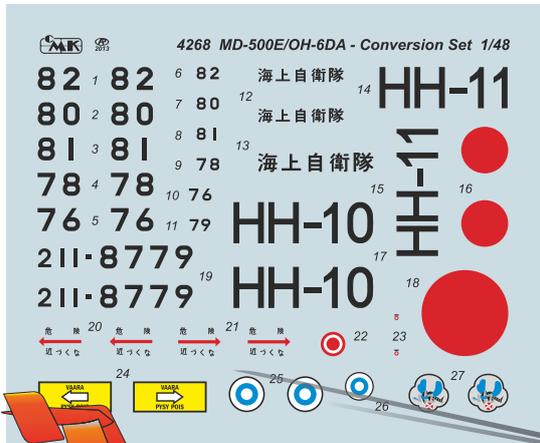
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Set no.4268 was already announced in our July-August 2014 Newsletter, but it has been released only now.

ITEM  
4268

MD-500E/OH-6DA- Conversion set  
for Academy kit

Scale  
1/48



Set contains completely new cockpit (floor, instrument panel, seats, bulkheads, controls...), tail boom, wire cutters and new, clear canopy that allow conversion from MD-500 to MD-500E / OH-6DA with specific picked nose. Set also contains colour photo-etched parts and huge decal sheet. Decal offer markings for 2 Finnish Army machines and 6 Japanese Self Defence Navy machines.  
Japan, Finnish, Modern

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