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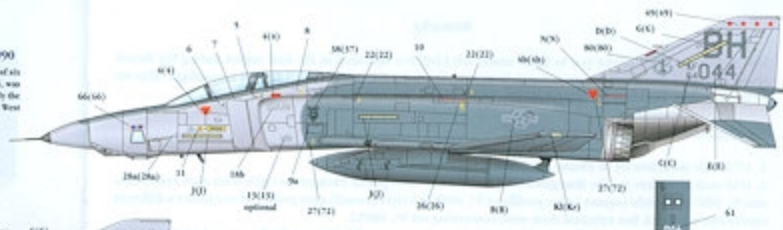


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1. RF-4 C, 64-1044, 106th TRS, 117th TFW, Birmingham, Alabama, 1990

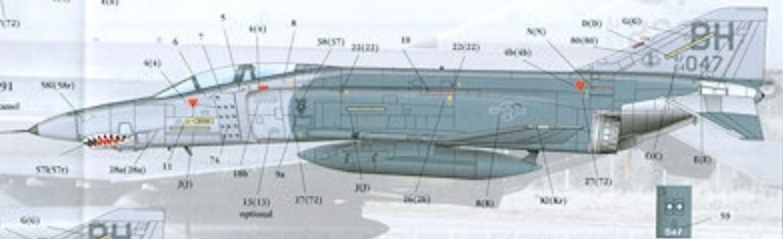
The 106th TRS, 117th TFW started its involvement in the Gulf conflict with the deployment of its RF-4 Cs to Sheikh Isa, Bahrain, in mid 1990. Unfortunately this particular aircraft, 64-1044, was lost on 8 October, the same year, while being on an "Eager Light" training mission. Tragically the crew perished. The red stars on the fuselage were removed shortly prior to its heavy flight to South West Asia.



2. RF-4 C, 65-0833, 106th TRS, 117th TFW, Sheikh Isa AB, Bahrain, 1991

65-0833 was another kind of the 106th TRS in the tail region. Shortly after their arrival, all 117th TFW birds received their striking shark mouth.

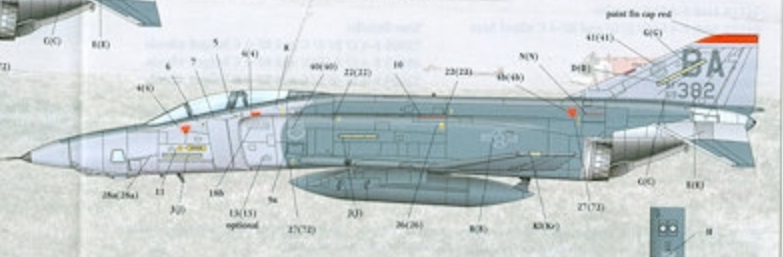
When applying the shark mouth, carefully cut away the part of decals 57 and 57*, which overlap the lower part of the side camera windows.



4. RF-4 C, 65-0843, 106th TRS, 117th TFW, Sheikh Isa AB, Bahrain, 1991

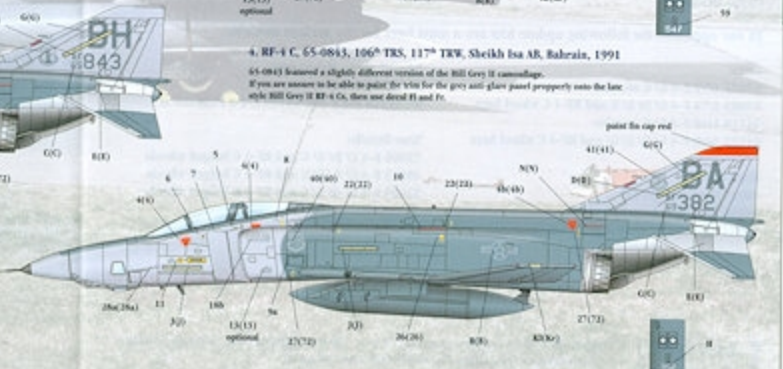
65-0843 featured a slightly different version of the Bill Gave if camouflage.

If you are unsure to be able to paint the vinyl for the grey anti glare panel properly onto the late style Bill Gave if RF-4 Cs, then use decal H and Fc.



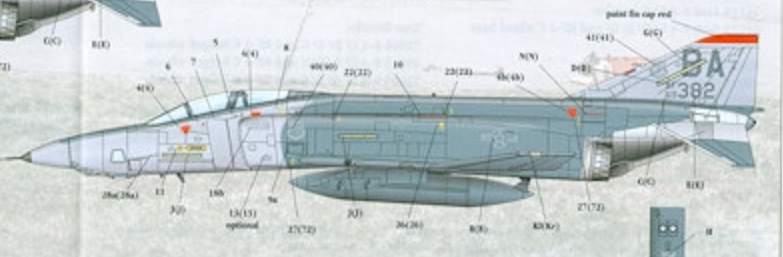
3. RF-4 C, 64-1047, 106th TRS, 117th TFW, Sheikh Isa AB, Bahrain, 1991

106th TRS's top secret 64-1047, accumulated over 65 missions over enemy territory. Each combat stands for five combat mission flown.



5. RF-4 C, 69-0382, 12th TRS, 67th TFW, Sheikh Isa, Bahrain, 1990

69-0382 was one of its aircraft of the 12th TRS, 67th TFW, which deployed from Bergstrom AFB, Texas, in South West Asia.



The number in brackets behind the decal number e. g. 71(7) indicates the decal to be used on the other side of the aircraft.

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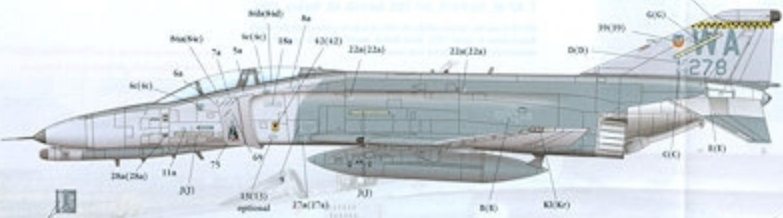
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11. F-4G, 69-7232, 561st FS, Dhahran AB, Saudi Arabia, 1994

69-7232 was one of several F-4s of the 561st FS which participated in "Operation Southern Watch", the vigil of air activity in Iraq airspace up to the 32nd parallel. Most aircraft returned home to the US with special markings applied to their splines. This particular aircraft carries the abbreviation, famous within the SEAC community, "Y2BOM" - "You gotta be skintin' me!" - the victory of a young Wild Weasel pilot in Vietnam, bearing for the first time about their new mission to fly.



paint tail band yellow 54(S4c)



12. F-4G, 69-0278, 561st FS, Dhahran AB, Saudi Arabia, 1994

69-0278 is another participant in "Operation Southern Watch". She carries four BAHN kills.

paint tail band yellow 54(S4c)

paint squadron colors on fin cap (black, yellow, red)

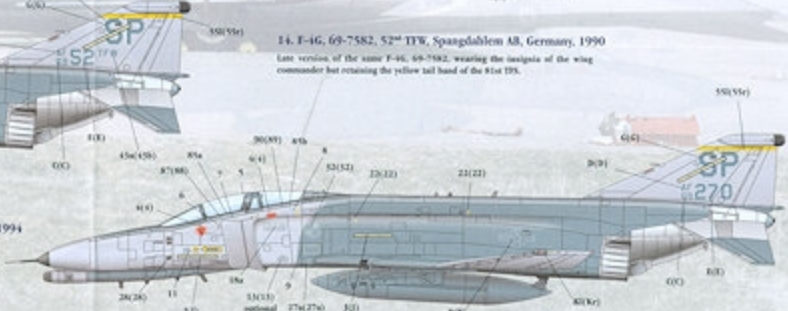
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13. F-4G, 69-7582, 52nd TFW, Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 1988

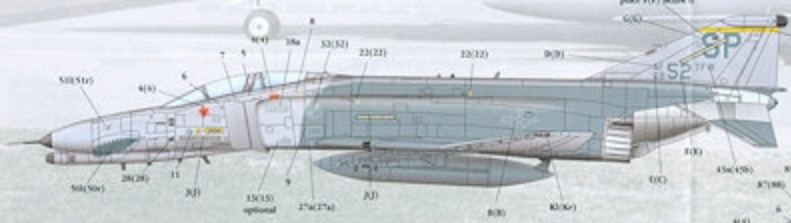
This aircraft was the "hone" bird, the personal mount of the wing commander of TFW 52 based at Spangdahlem, wearing the colors of all of its squadrons on its tail.

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14. F-4G, 69-7582, 52nd TFW, Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 1990

Late version of the same F-4G, 69-7582, wearing the insignia of the wing commander but retaining the yellow tail band of the 81st TFS.



15. F-4G, 69-7270, 81st TFS, 52nd TFW, Dhahran AB, Saudi Arabia, 1994

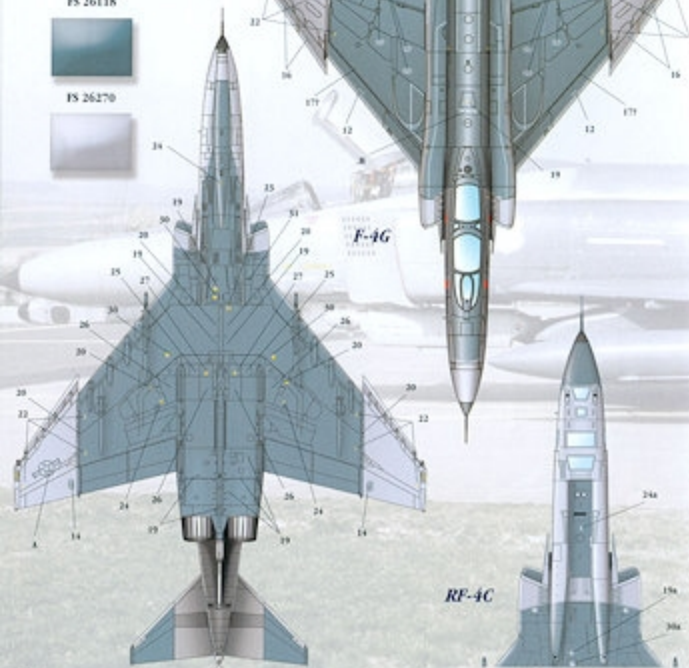
This particular aircraft was amongst the final aircraft returning from the Gulf conflict and its subsequent operations. The 81st TFS returned home to Spangdahlem AB, Germany in February 1994 and converted to the F-16 shortly after that.

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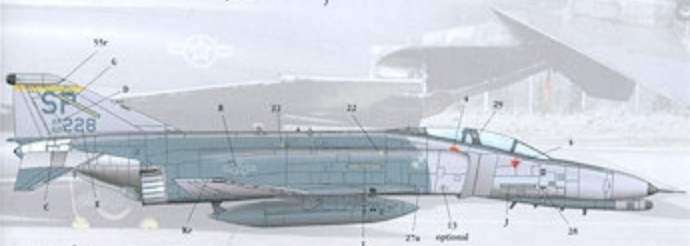
16. F-4G, 69-7286, 81st TFS, 52 FW, Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 1994

Note 4 HARM kill marks on the splitter plate of F-4G 69-7286.



17. F-4G, 69-7228, 81st TFS, 52 FW, Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 1994

F-4G 69-7228, returned with 30 mission marks, making it the top scorer of the 81st TFS.



Remarks

Late in their careers, Hill Grey II painted RF-4Cs and F-4Gs received grey triangles and safety markings/stencils. If you are going to build one of these aircraft make sure that especially these stencils (the grey ones instead of the yellow ones!) are applied. The aircraft depicted in this decal sheet, painted with grey stencils, are Nos. 6, 7 and 8 which retained them until being phased out of service. Note that their positioning is identical to that of the standard yellow stencils, however, make sure the dark grey stencils are used on light grey, FS 26270 painted parts of the aircraft and the light grey ones applied to dark grey, FS 26118 painted surfaces (see example on the left). In any case check your reference carefully!

Note: that decal 13 is optional. On most Hill Grey II painted F-4s, it was deleted.

Unfortunately decals number 72 and 74 on our set 12006 were slightly miso-printed. Remove the upper camel of the chosen decal and replace it by a well printed camel of one of the left ones.

Camouflage schemes:

The Hill Grey II camouflage of the RF-4C and F-4G only differ in the way the bottom of the forward fuselage is painted. Otherwise, they are completely identical. See the paint scheme of the bottom of the RF-4Cs on the left.

Remarks

This AirDOC decal set allows you to build nearly any USAF F-4 stationed in the Gulf region during the Desert Storm and subsequent operations in South West Asia, featuring the late style Hill Gray II camouflage. This set includes enough markings for several different aircraft.

Kit suggestions to build a correct RF-4 C

1. 1/72 scale modelers try to obtain the Hasegawa KA 7 RF-4 C kit.
2. 1/48 scale modelers use the Hasegawa F-4 J kit PT 6 and incorporate Paragon Design's resin nose conversion sets N°. 4887 early style (square) nose profile or N°. 4888 late style (round) nose profile. If you prefer a different conversion set: Black Box released their nose conversion set N°. 48052.
3. 1/32 scale modelers stick to Revell's RF-4 C kit. It needs some modification to the fin cap and engine intakes but the overall shape is OK and it is the only kit available in this scale.

Kit suggestions to build a correct F-4 G

1. 1/72 scale modelers try to obtain the Hasegawa KA 6 F-4 G kit.
2. 1/48 scale modelers use the Hasegawa F-4 G kit PT 4.
3. 1/32 scale modelers use the Revell/ Monogram F-4 E model as basic kit and convert it with Cutting Edge's F-4 G conversion set.

Decal application:

To apply the decals cut each subject carefully from the backing paper. Do not cut away the excess film. Dip the decal for about 20 seconds into water and wait until it slides easily on the backing paper. Do not pull or push the decals before the adhesive has completely dissolved, otherwise it might be ruined. You may use a setting solution but this is not necessary. After the decal is applied to the model's surface, wait several hours until it has set and dried properly. **Do Not Touch It Prior!!** Depending on the surface's quality, a gloss varnish should be sprayed onto the model prior to the application of the decals so the clear excess film will disappear completely.

Happy Decaling!

In our opinion the following update kits are a must have for the serious modeler:

Aires:

- 07072 1/72 F-4 E/ G nozzles
- 07083 1/72 F-4 C/ D/ E/ G and RF-4 C wheel bays
- 04118 1/48 F-4 E/ G nozzles
- 04123 1/48 F-4 C/ D/ E/ G/ and RF-4 C wheel bays

Black Box:

- 48017 F-4 G cockpit set
- 48051 RF-4 B/ C/ E cockpit set
- 48052 RF-4 B/ C/ E nose conversion

Eduard photo etched sets:

- N°. 72123 F-4 E
- N°. 48101 F-4 E and 48109 F-4 G Phantom II

True Details:

- 72006 F-4 C/ D/ E/ G and RF-4 C bulged wheels
- 48043 F-4 C/ D/ E/ G and RF-4 C bulged wheels
- 32003 F-4 C/ D/ E/ G and RF-4 C bulged wheels

This set is for the experienced modeler only and should be kept out of reach of little children. Not suited for children under the age of 14!