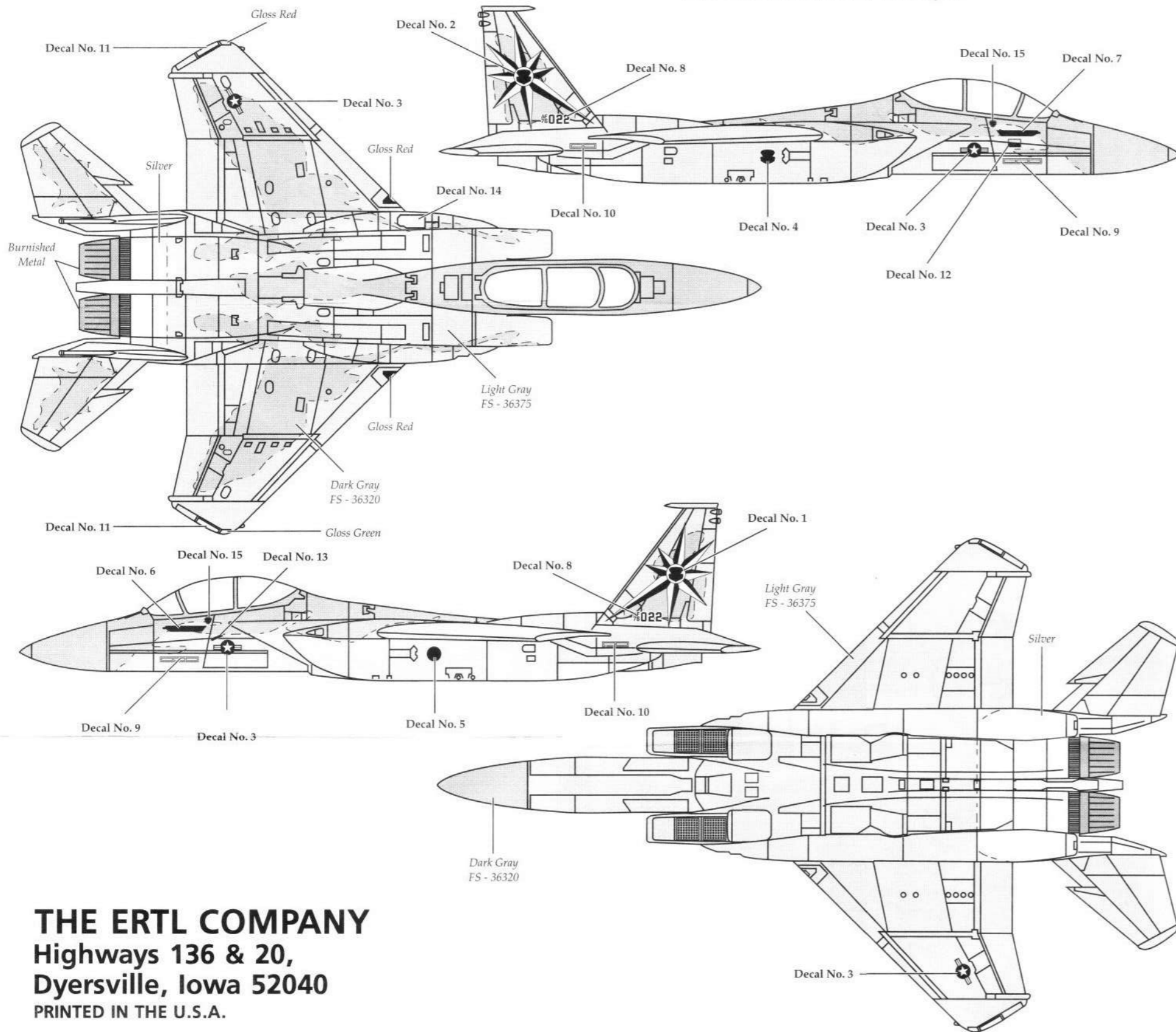


DECALING - PAINTING

NOTE: Paint aircraft a Camouflage Pattern alternating Light and Dark Gray as shown.

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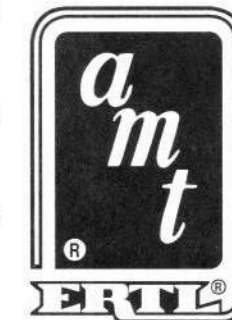
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The concept for the F-15 was developed in the early '60s, even while the F-4 Phantom was a new and formidable aircraft. It was correctly presumed that the Soviets would build a plane that would be superior to the Phantom. In 1967, this presumption materialized in the MiG 25, code-named "Foxbat" by NATO. The Foxbat could fly faster and higher than any plane in the West and was a formidable threat to existing American aircraft.

The Foxbat was all the catalyst needed to spur the development of an American air superiority fighter. Bids went out to three different companies and McDonnell - Douglas won the competition. Up to that time, no plane had the research hours and testing that the F-15 went through. The first F-15 flew in July of '72, went into service in November of '74 and was operational in January of 1976.

With a top speed in excess of Mach 2.5 and a rate of climb in excess of 40,000 feet a minute, the F-15 Eagle is only matched in performance by the Navy F-14 Tomcat. No previous fighter has ever had the thrust to weight ratio of the F-15, it can accelerate while doing a completely vertical climb. And still this remarkable plane is being developed. It has set world speed records, been almost invincible in actual combat (when the Israelis used their version to take out Syrian MiG 21's in July of '76) and is now being developed for more multi-purpose roles. It is still the best of the air-superiority aircraft in the world.

IMPORTANT

Before you begin to assemble your model kit, study the instructions carefully. This will help you to familiarize yourself with the part locations as you proceed. Prior to cementing parts together, be sure to "TEST FIT" them in order to assure proper alignment and also to check for "excess" FLASH that may occur along parting lines. Use a sharp hobby knife or file to remove flash if necessary.

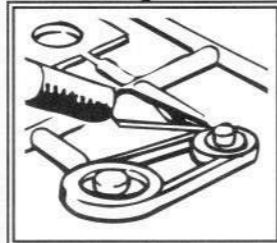
If you wish to paint your model, various sub-assemblies and components should be painted before any parts are attached. During assembly, you may note that the recommended color is stated after the part name.

This model kit is molded from the finest high-impact styrene plastic. Use only paints and cements which are specifically formulated for styrene. Read all labels and warnings carefully.

Because the cement will only adhere to bare plastic, it is necessary to remove any paint or "plating" from the area to which the cement is to be applied.

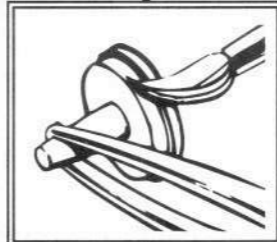
HOBBY KNIFE

Use a sharp hobby knife to remove parts from the trees. Some parts may appear to have an extra "tab" on them, these should be removed.



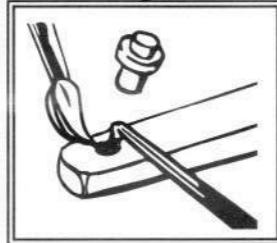
TWEEZERS

Tweezers are handy for holding very small parts during assembly or painting.



CEMENT

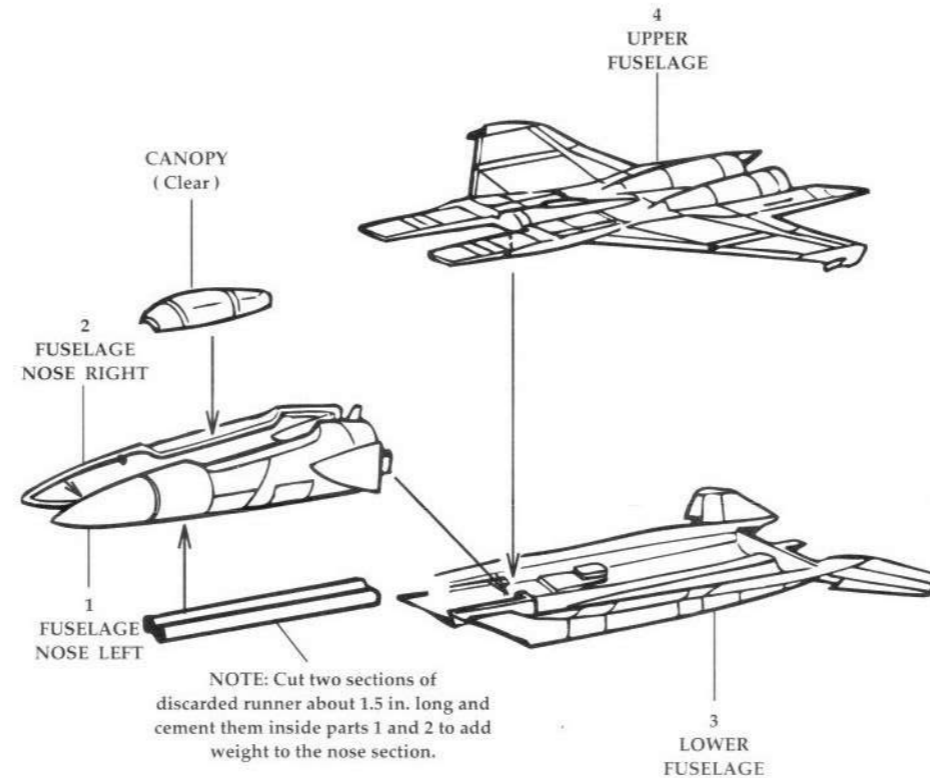
We recommend the use of liquid polystyrene cement. Apply with a fine brush or toothpick. Use cement sparingly or a sloppy job will result.



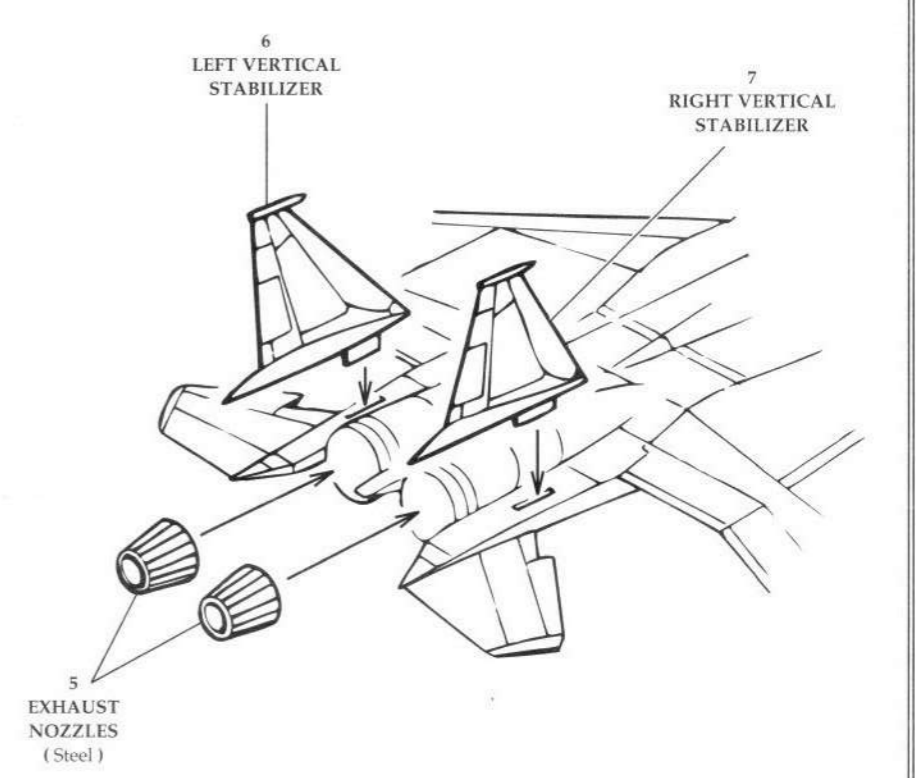
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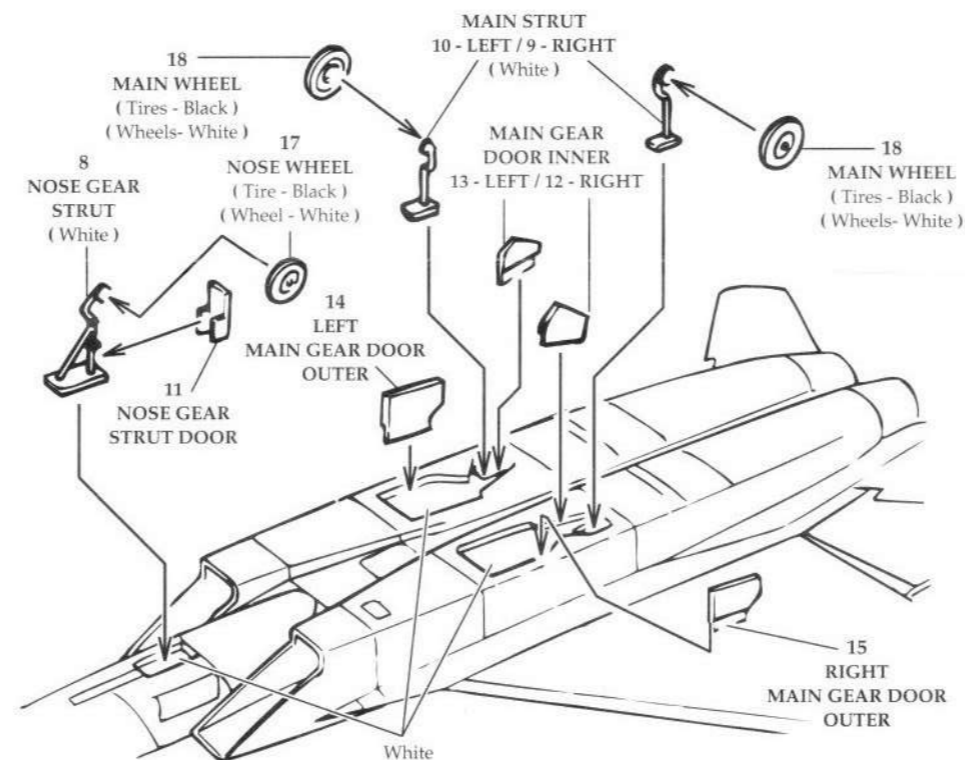


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NOTE: Paint the interior surface of all gear doors White.



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