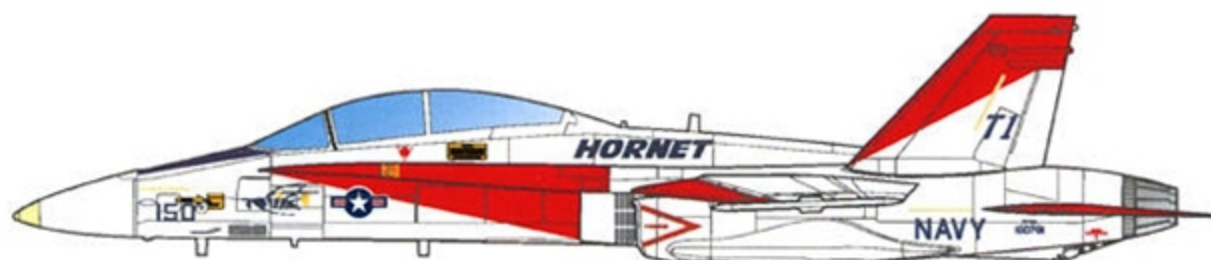
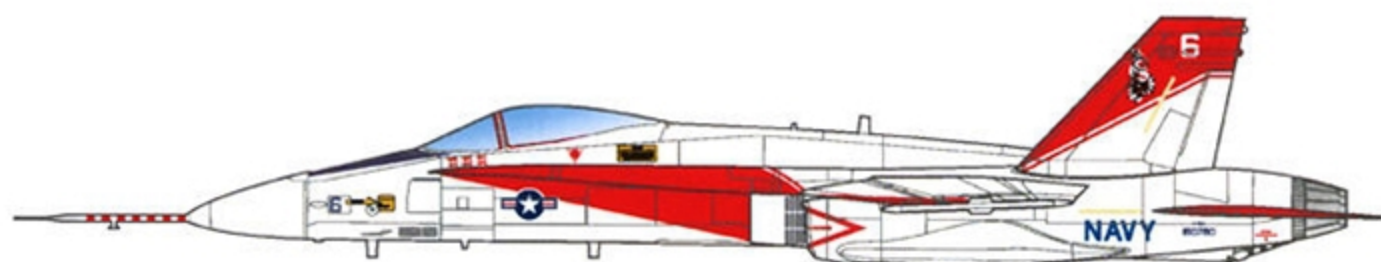
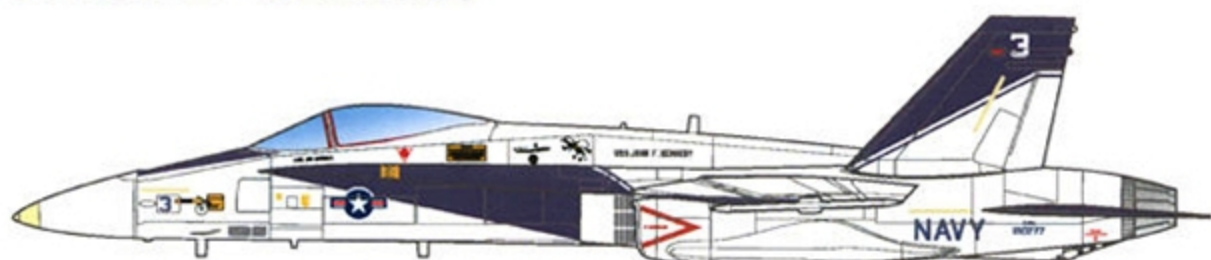


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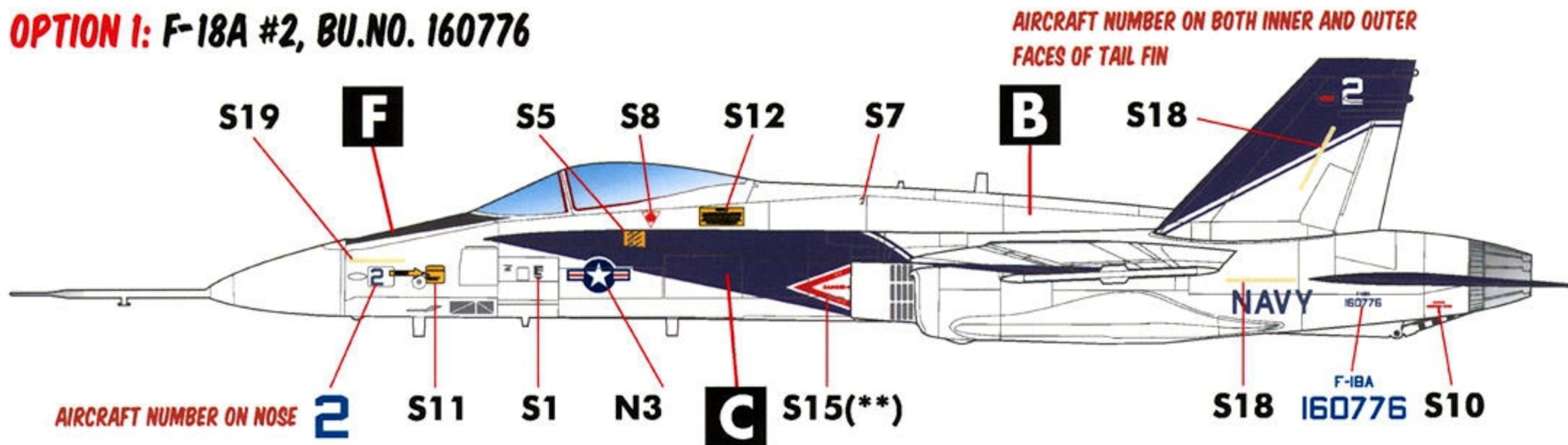
**EIGHT MARKING OPTIONS
FOR F-18 HORNET PROTOTYPES
AND DEVELOPMENT AIRCRAFT**

1/48 SCALE

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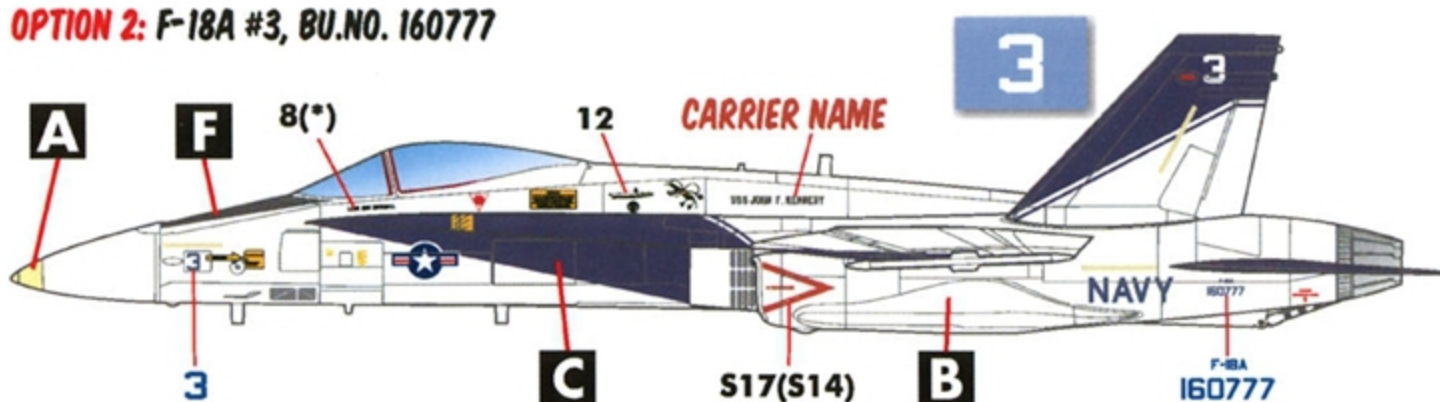


OPTION 1: F-18A #2, BU.NO. 160776



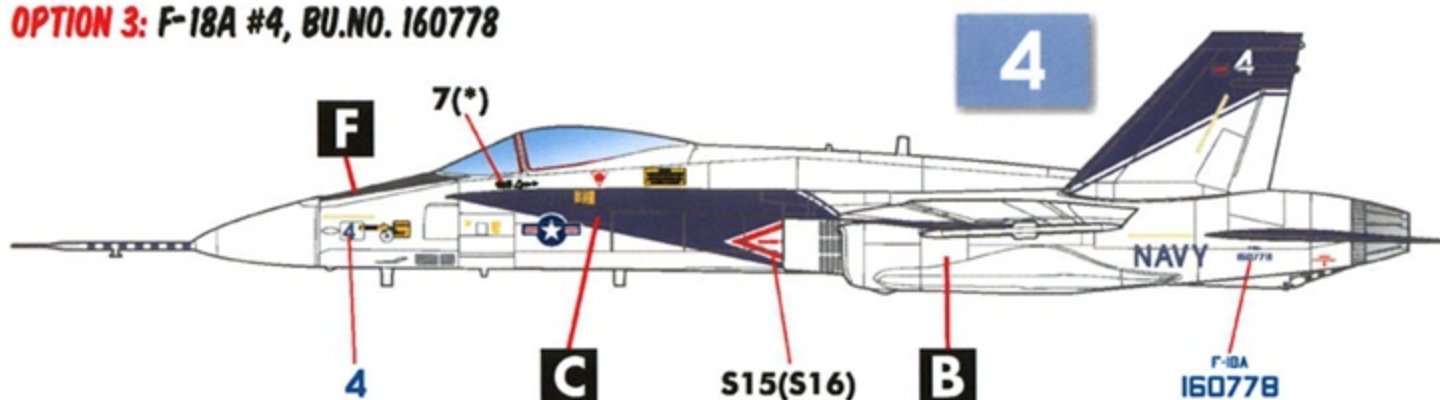
COMMON MARKINGS AND STENCILLING WAS SIMILAR FOR ALL PROTOTYPE HORNETS. USE THIS DIAGRAM FOR ALL OPTIONS ON THIS SHEET. (): THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF INTAKE WARNING MARKINGS. ONE OF THEM IS SHOWN HERE - SEE INDIVIDUAL OPTIONS FOR APPLICABLE INTAKE WARNING TYPE.**

OPTION 2: F-18A #3, BU.NO. 160777



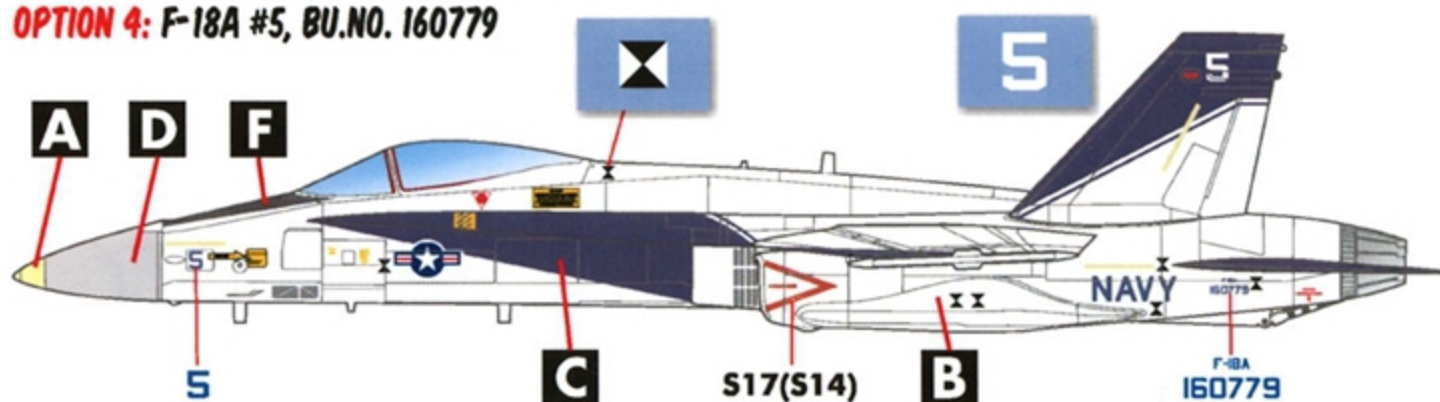
#3 WAS THE CARRIER TRIALS JET, AND MADE THE FIRST LANDING ON A CARRIER. WE PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE MARKINGS FOR THREE CARRIERS: JFK (SHOWN), EISENHOWER AND CARL VINSON.

OPTION 3: F-18A #4, BU.NO. 160778



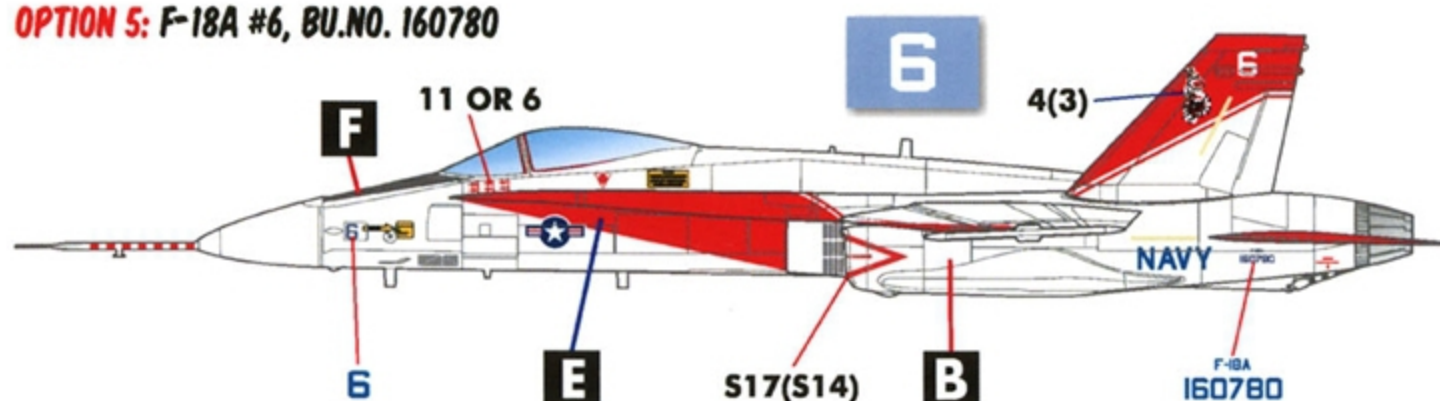
#4 WAS THE STRUCTURAL TESTS JET. IT WAS EQUIPPED WITH A PROBE WITH BLUE/WHITE STRIPES.

OPTION 4: F-18A #5, BU.NO. 160779



#5 WAS USED FOR AVIONICS TESTING. IT WAS OFTEN PHOTOGRAPHED WITH BLACK & WHITE PHOTO-CALIBRATION MARKINGS AS SHOWN. THESE MARKINGS WERE SEEN IN MANY DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS - YOU CAN FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SHOWN IN THIS PROFILE, OR PLACE THEM ON OTHER SIMILAR LOCATIONS.

OPTION 5: F-18A #6, BU.NO. 160780



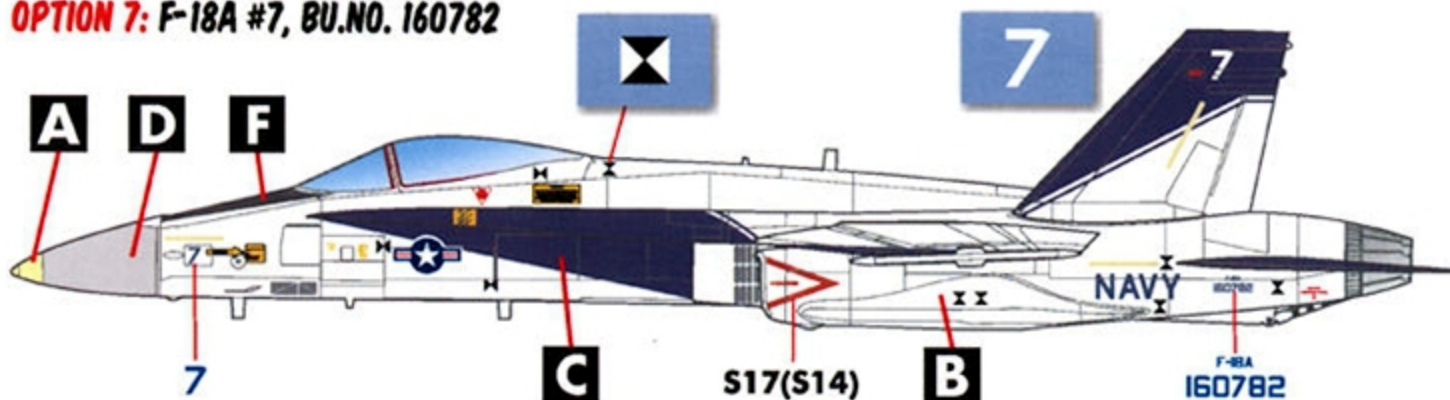
#6 WAS THE SPIN TESTING JET. IT WAS EQUIPPED WITH A PROBE WITH RED/WHITE STRIPES. IT WAS USUALLY PHOTOGRAPHED WITH THE PILOT'S NAME (DECAL 6) NEAR THE WINDSHIELD, BUT MISSION MARKINGS (DECAL 11) WERE ADDED LATER. WE PROVIDE BOTH MARKINGS.

OPTION 6: F-18A #6, BU.NO. 160780 - "NASA 840"



F-18A #6 EVENTUALLY BECAME "NASA 840". BEFORE IT WAS COMPLETELY REPAINTED IN A PROPER NASA COLOR SCHEME, IT MAINTAINED ITS PROTOTYPE COLOR SCHEME; BUT RECEIVED A GRAY ANTI-GLARE PANEL, A NASA LOGO ON THE TAIL, AND SOME FUSELAGE PANELS FROM OTHER F-18A PROTOTYPES. PLEASE VISIT THE REFERENCE SITE FOR THE PHOTOS WE WERE ABLE TO FIND.

OPTION 7: F-18A #7, BU.NO. 160782



#7 WAS A WEAPONS TRIAL JET. ITS PAINT SCHEME AND MARKINGS ARE SIMILAR TO #5.

OPTION 8: TF-18A #1, BU.NO. 160781



TF1 WAS THE FIRST TWO-SEAT HORNET. NOTE THE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PAINT SCHEME WITHOUT THE THIN STRIPES. STENCILLING WAS IDENTICAL TO THAT OF THE SINGLE SEATERS.

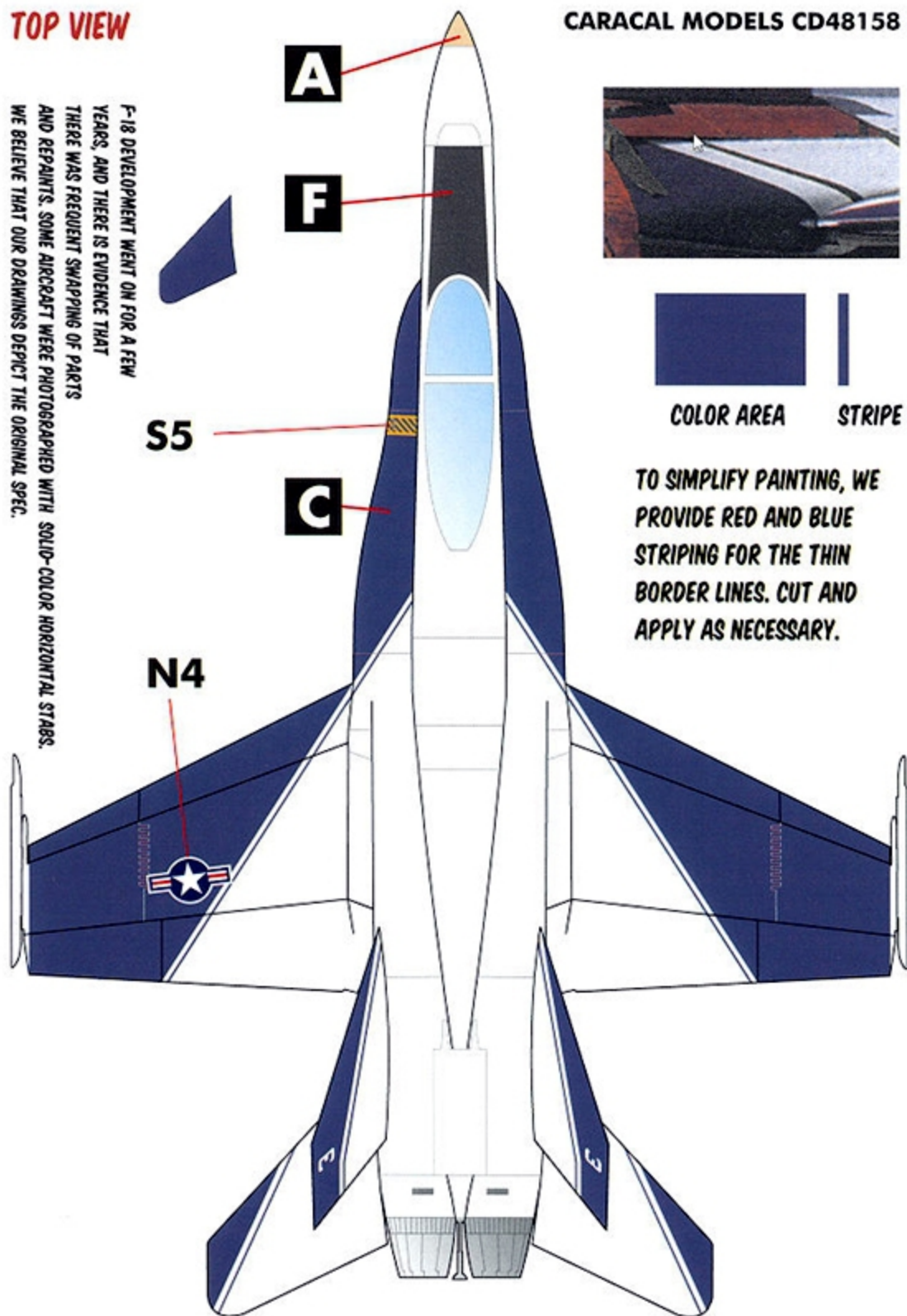


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TOP VIEW



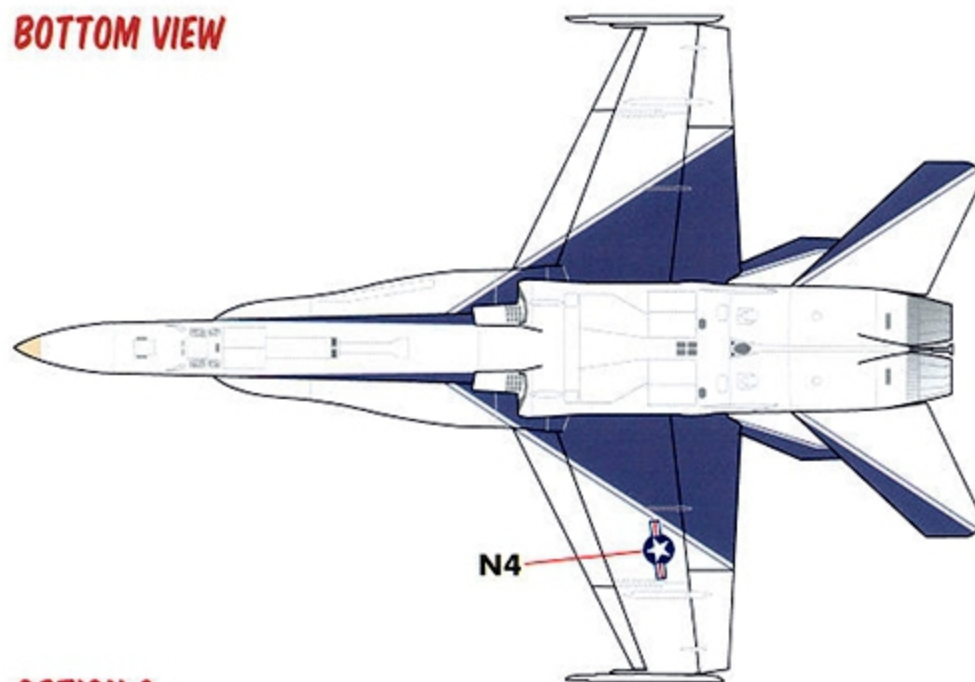
F-18 DEVELOPMENT WENT ON FOR A FEW YEARS, AND THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS FREQUENT SWAPPING OF PARTS AND REPAIRS. SOME AIRCRAFT WERE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH SOLID-COLOR HORIZONTAL STRIPS. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR DRAWINGS DEPICT THE ORIGINAL SPEC.

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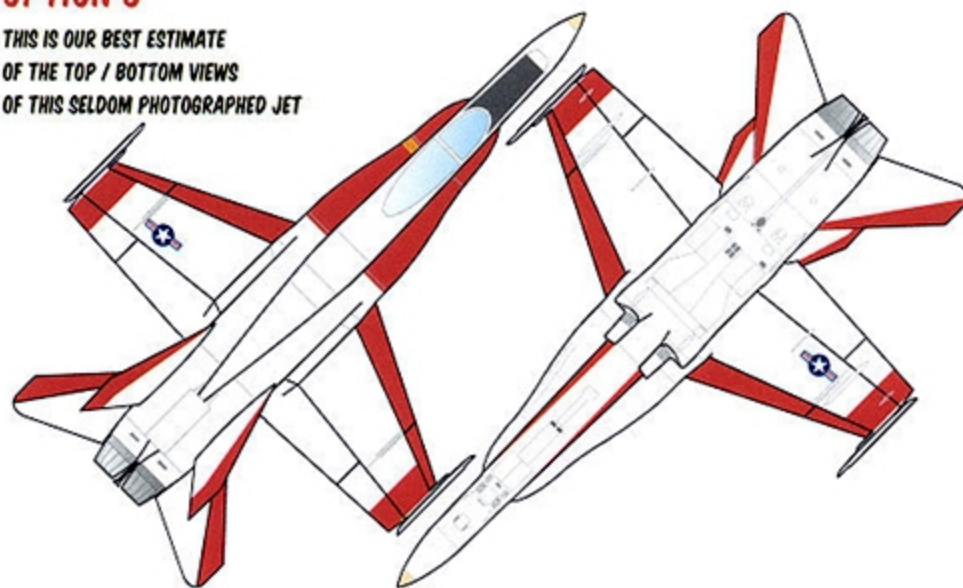
TO SIMPLIFY PAINTING, WE PROVIDE RED AND BLUE STRIPING FOR THE THIN BORDER LINES. CUT AND APPLY AS NECESSARY.

BOTTOM VIEW



OPTION 8

THIS IS OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE TOP / BOTTOM VIEWS OF THIS SELDOM PHOTOGRAPHED JET



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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A RADOME TAN (FS37038) | D LIGHT GHOST GRAY (FS36375) |
| B GLOSS WHITE (FS17875) | E RED (FS 11350) |
| C BLUE (FS15056) | F FLAT BLACK (FS37038) |

OPTION 2 SHOWN. THE PAINT SCHEME FOR MOST OPTIONS ARE BROADLY SIMILAR. USE THE CORRECT MAIN COLORS FOR THE OPTION OF YOUR CHOICE - BLUE FOR OPTIONS 1,2,3,4 AND 7; RED FOR OPTIONS 5,6 AND 8.

THE ACTUAL RED AND BLUE COLORS USED BY THE MDC PAINT SHOP ARE AUTOMOTIVE COLORS BY DITZLER. THE BLUE COLOR IS DITZLER 12908, AND THE RED IS DITZLER 71660. THAT COMPANY IS LONG GONE AS AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY, BUT AMAZINGLY THE COLORS ARE STILL IN THE CATALOG AND OUR LOCAL AUTO PAINT SHOP WAS ABLE TO MIX THE EXACT COLORS FOR US. WE BELIEVE THE FS EQUIVALENTS PROVIDED HERE ARE VERY CLOSE MATCHES.