



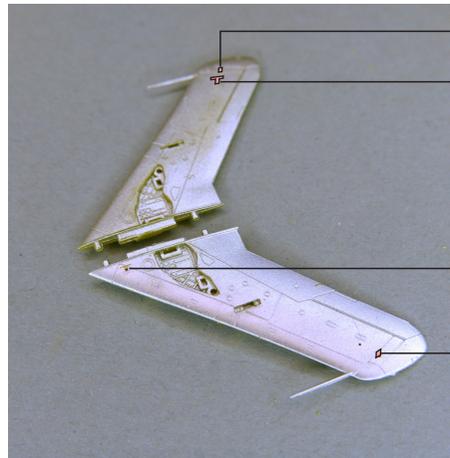
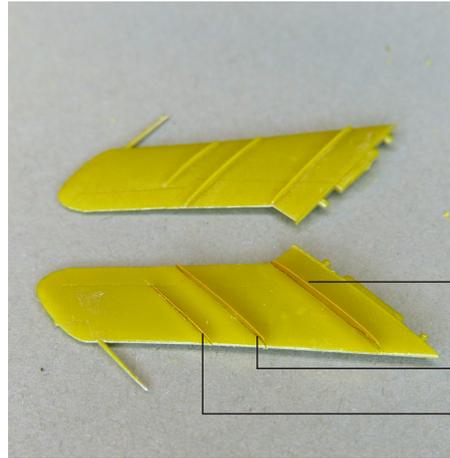
This set is aimed at upgrading the F-Toys MiG-17 kit. As with many F-Toys - the kit quality leaves very little to be desired and only minimal additions seem sensible.

We saw fit to replace the wing fences - the thickness of brass replacement better matches subject in scale. Key action is to smooth wing surface as much as possible after cutting away the plastic fences. Having done that cut series of slots parallel to longitudinal axis of the airframe with fine razor saw and slide in the replacement out-board (19), mid (21) and inboard (23) fences. Same technique should be applied to drop tank fins (22).

Double-layered replacement gear doors are a cure to the second shortcoming of the kit - thick and featureless plastic gear doors.

Fiddly IFF antennae (17), pitots, etc (15, 18) are best left for the last moment before painting, though their attachment via 0.2mm pin is actually quite robust. Check plans for exact locations - 0.3mm holes will do the trick.

Headrest (15) and seatbelts (13, 14) will hopefully add a little spark to the cockpit interior.



WAMOD acrylic paint stripper was used to wash away the kit paint. For some reason the bottom surfaces of the wing proved quite immune to the treatment.

