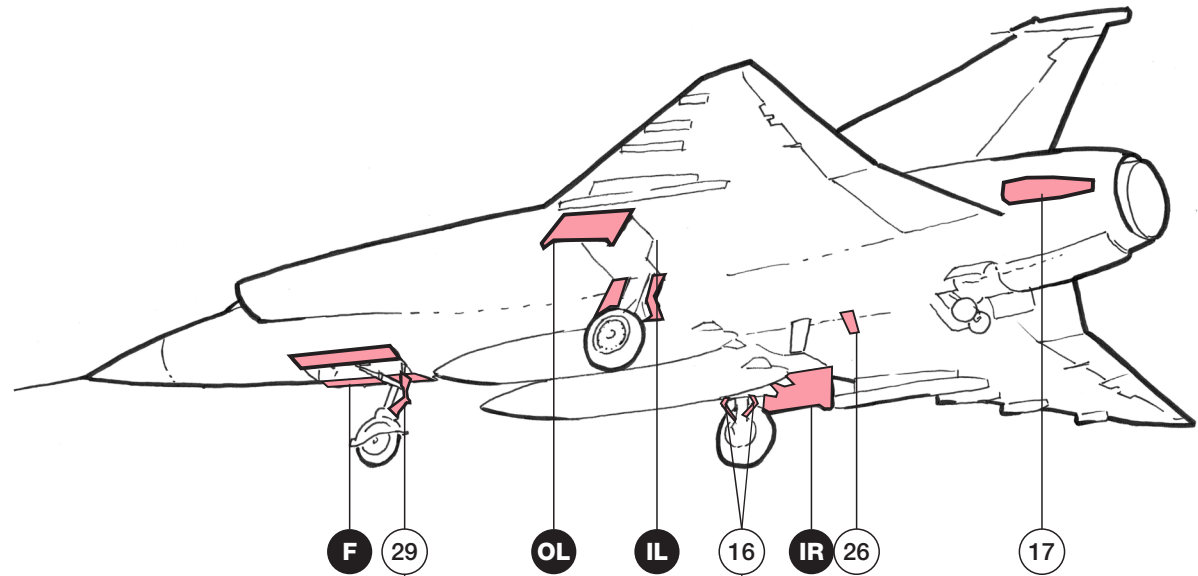
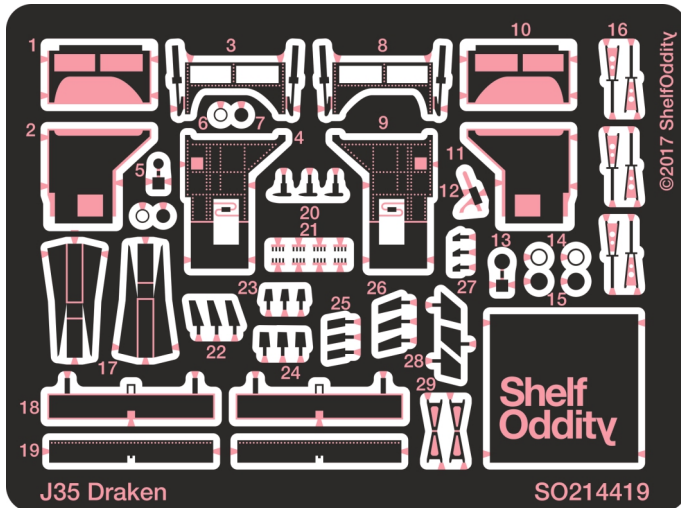


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1/144 J35 Draken for F-Toys/Platz and Pit Road kit

Shelf
Oddity



The Draken is in many ways like SR-71. Futuristic, way ahead of its time in many respects. But it also epitomizes Swedish way of doing things: „We cannot be bothered with all those unnecessary things”, „If in doubt - simplify”. And „It should fit in flat cardboard”.

This set was initially intended for an F-Toys kit... wait. Say again?

F-Toys? Pre-painted toy?

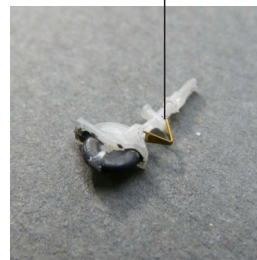
Well, yes. Strip the paint and there is a really nice model underneath. Platz did exactly the thing. Of course you want to replace gear doors, scratch build main gear struts and add some antennas, but this kit is more or less complete (except the canopy clear part, a traditional pain with these kits).

So, now that we are happy with F-Toys, in comes Pit Road and releases its own Draken [applause]. Outstanding kit.

You still want the gear doors replaced though.

And some antennas added.

This brings us back to our brass sheet.



main gear struts
scratch built
from brass tubing

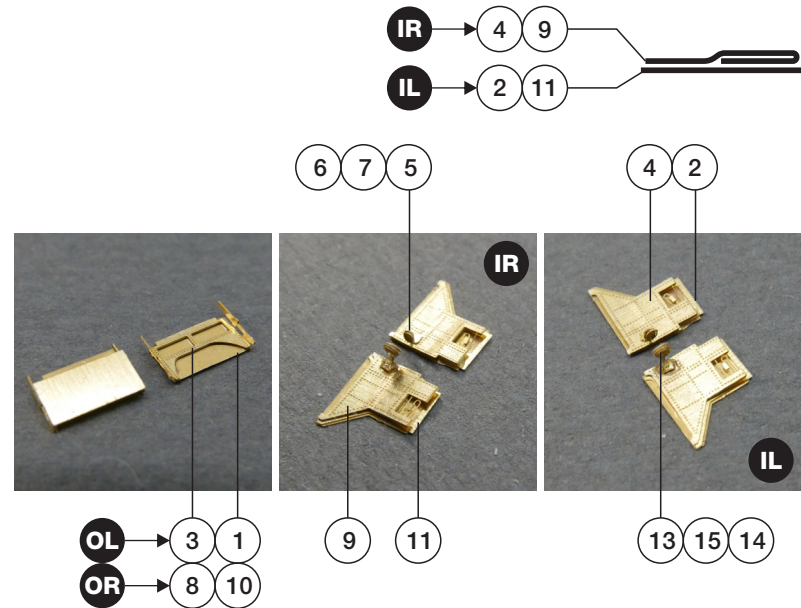
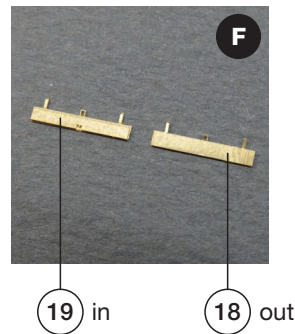
12 port side only

A little disclaimer at the beginning. This is not a set for beginners. We assume you have some skills working with PE parts. But it is not as hard as our other sets. Whatever your experience is we strongly recommend looking deeper into reference photos in order to choose the right parts for the desired airframe or to position the parts properly. You've been warned then.

Front gear door subassembly (F) is the same for port and starboard. The doors stay open in unusual horizontal position. Still, there are photos showing those doors open in more regular way. Check your references.

Main gear doors consist of outer (OR, OL) and inner (IR, IL) covers.

Outer doors are two-layered, inner layer features hydro actuators that need to be folded at a straight angle. Inner doors inner layer requires folding and then careful shaping, as shown on diagram above photos. Note that landing lights differ between port (13, 14, 15) and starboard (5, 6, 7)



Antenna blades configuration varies between Drakens used by various air forces. Presented here is the Danish way, as my model is destined to be patchy-khaki (maybe, someday...). Base yours on photographic evidence and use parts provided. Note that each blade features a pin which fits snugly into 0.25-0.35mm hole (depending on your eyesight).

