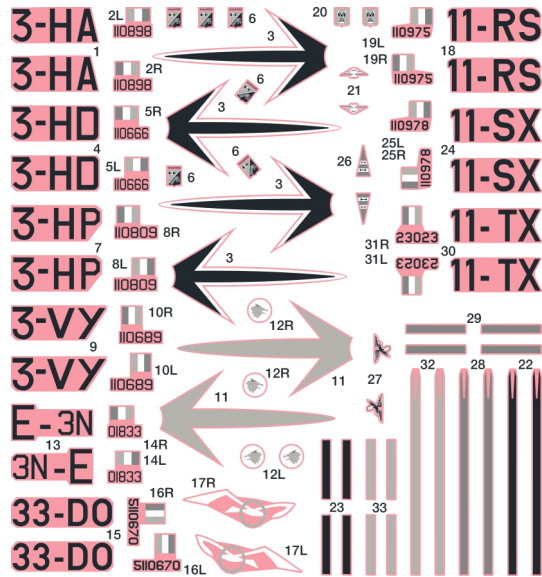


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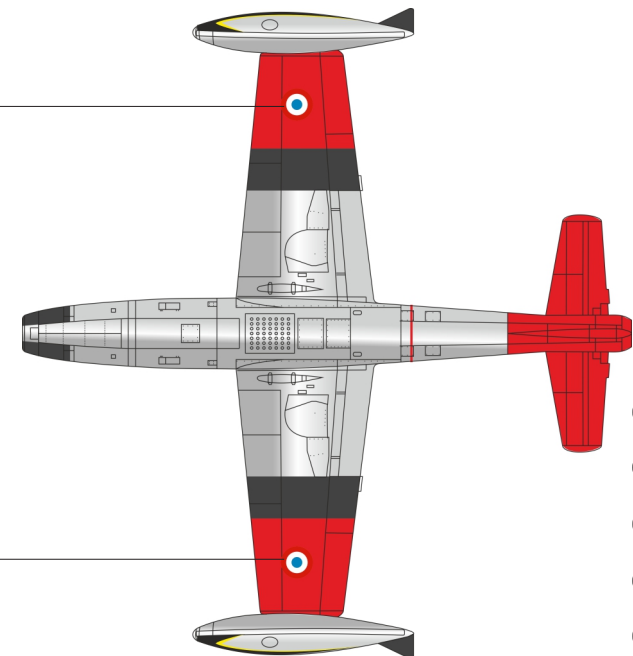
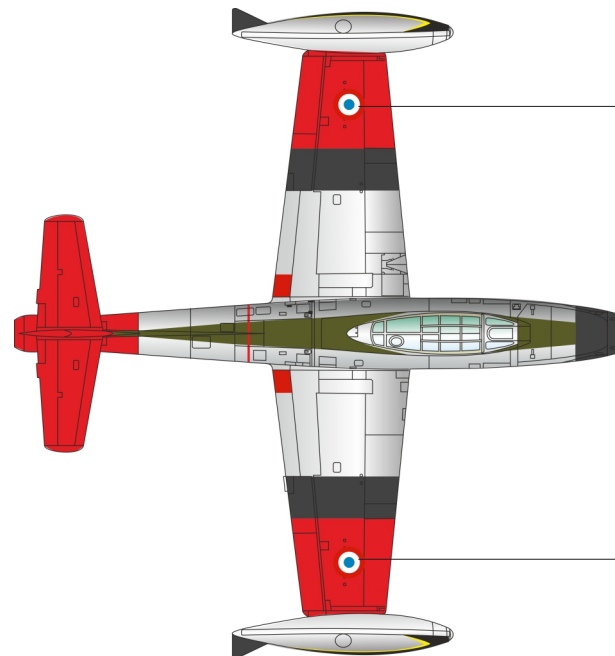
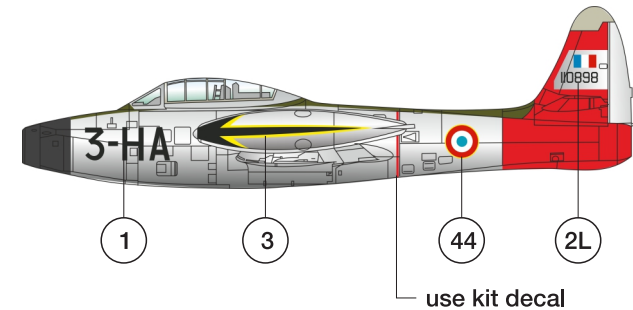
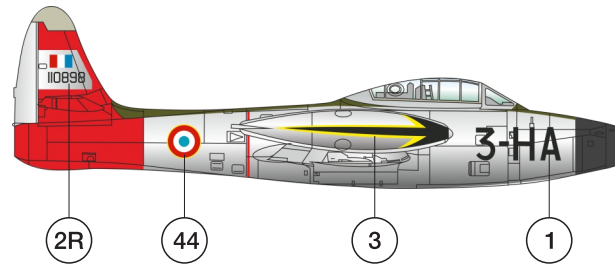
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Thunderjets arrived to France in December 1952 to replace D.H. Vampires. Airplanes were transferred from USAF reserves through Mutual Defence Assistance Program. First a Training Command is created at Reims to familiarize the pilots who were used to propeller driven airplanes with new propulsion. 46 F-84Es and over 300 F-84Gs equipped 1^{ère} Escadre de Chasse at Saint-Dizier, 3^{ème} Escadre de Chasse at Reims, 4^{ème} EC at Bremgarten/ /Luxeuil, 9^{ème} EC at Metz and 11^{ème} EC at Luxeuil F-84Gs.

F-84G-21-RE
s/n 51-10898
E.C. 1/3 Navarre
Reims-Champagne
1953

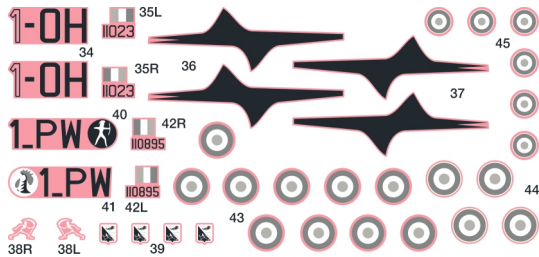


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- Signal Red
- Jet Black
- Olive Drab
- Radome Grey

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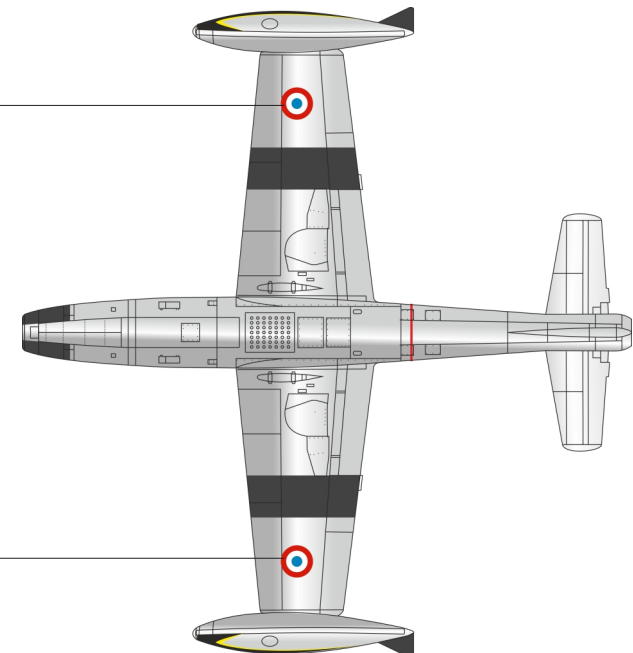
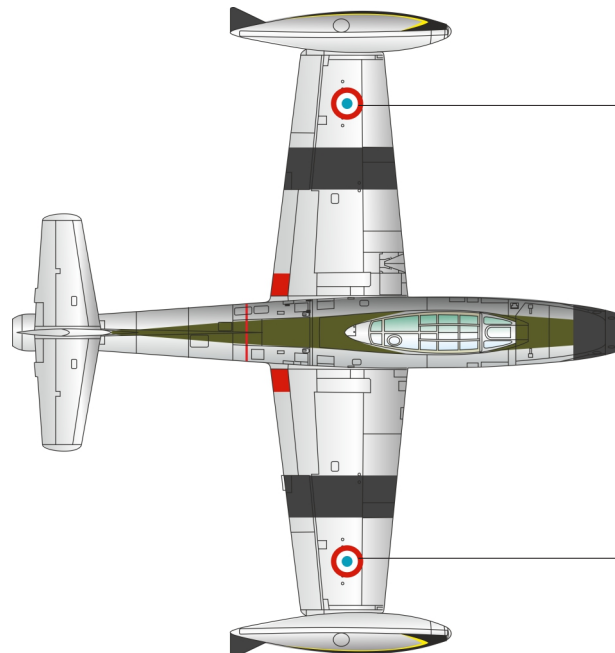
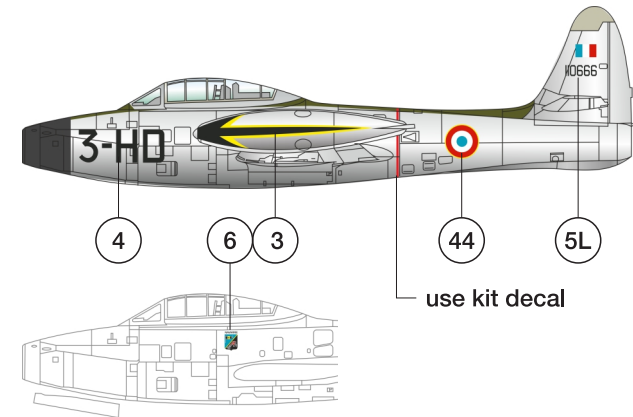
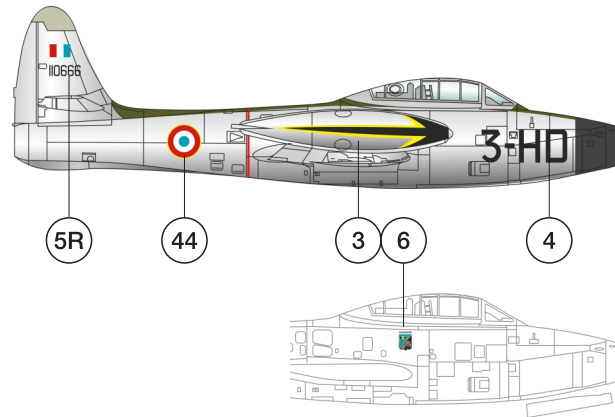
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French Thunderjets saw combat in October 1956 during Sues Crisis, when F-84Gs from 1^{ère} EC provided support to Israeli forces during invasion at Sinai. Thunderjets operated from base at Lydda and performed ground-attack missions. As soon as in 1958 first Thunderjets began to be phased out from service, followed by disbanding of 1^{ère} and 9^{ème} EC. The airplanes were handed over to Greek and Turkish Air Forces. France last F-84 were disposed in 1966 – their place taken over by Mirages III...

F-84G-21-RE
s/n 51-10666
E.C. 1/3 Navarre
Reims-Champagne
1953



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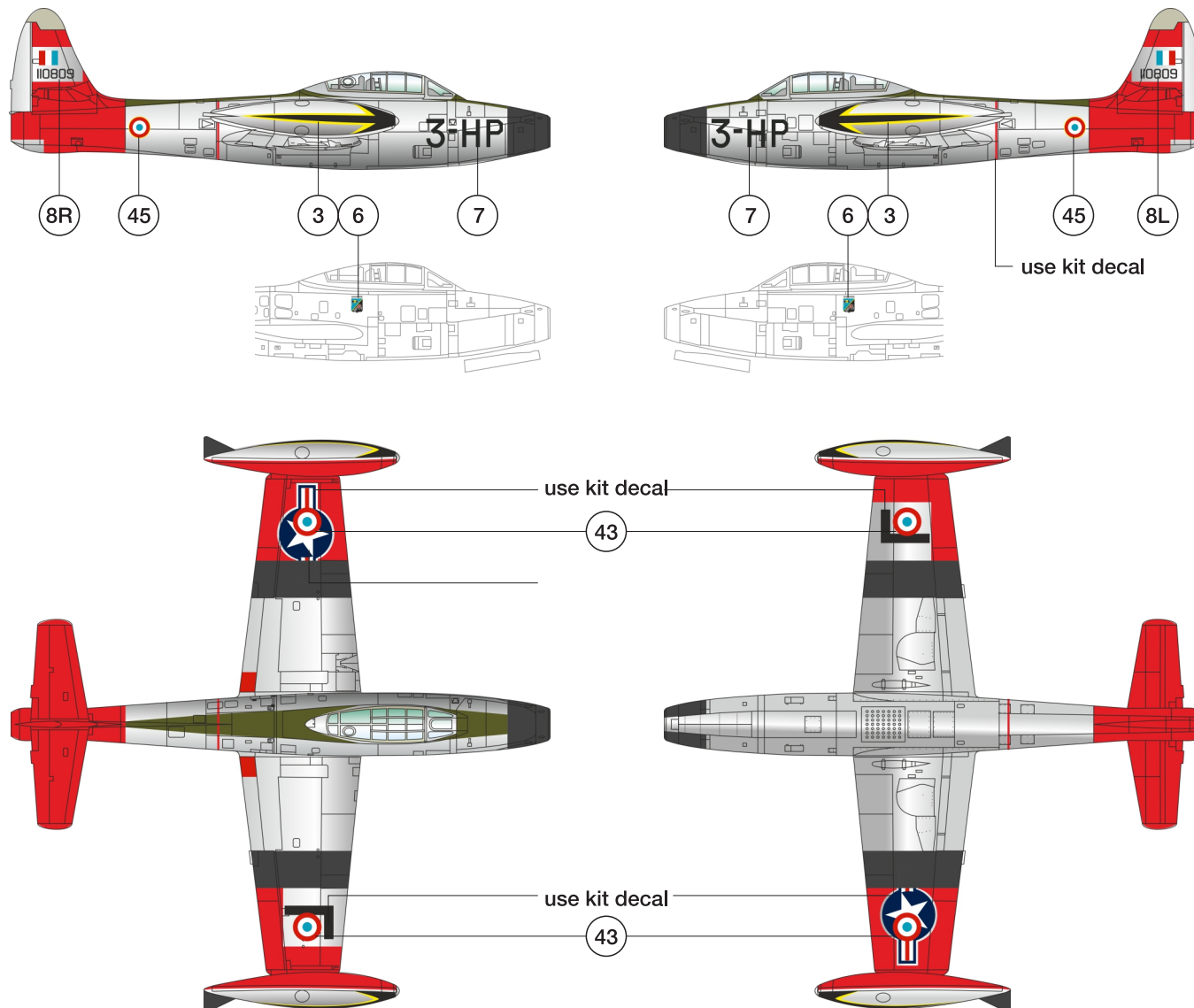
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F-84G-21-RE
s/n 51-10809
E.C. 1/3 Navarre
Reims-Champagne
1953

This is one of aircrafts that performed in 1953 as a part of aerobatic team later known as "Patrouille de France".

It is perfect example of how little change the French made to original markings of USAF F-84s. Yes, the buzz number is gone replaced by French EC code and there are regular roundels. But the wing stars'n'bars are only partially covered by black bands and red hi-viz patches clearly keep the US insignia safely outlined. The tail serial number is retained and supplemented by french fin flash.

With limited space on decal sheet we chose to include more various markings rather than duplicate parts of insignia that are already supplied with Miniwing kit.



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-  Signal Red
-  Jet Black
-  Olive Drab
-  Radome Grey

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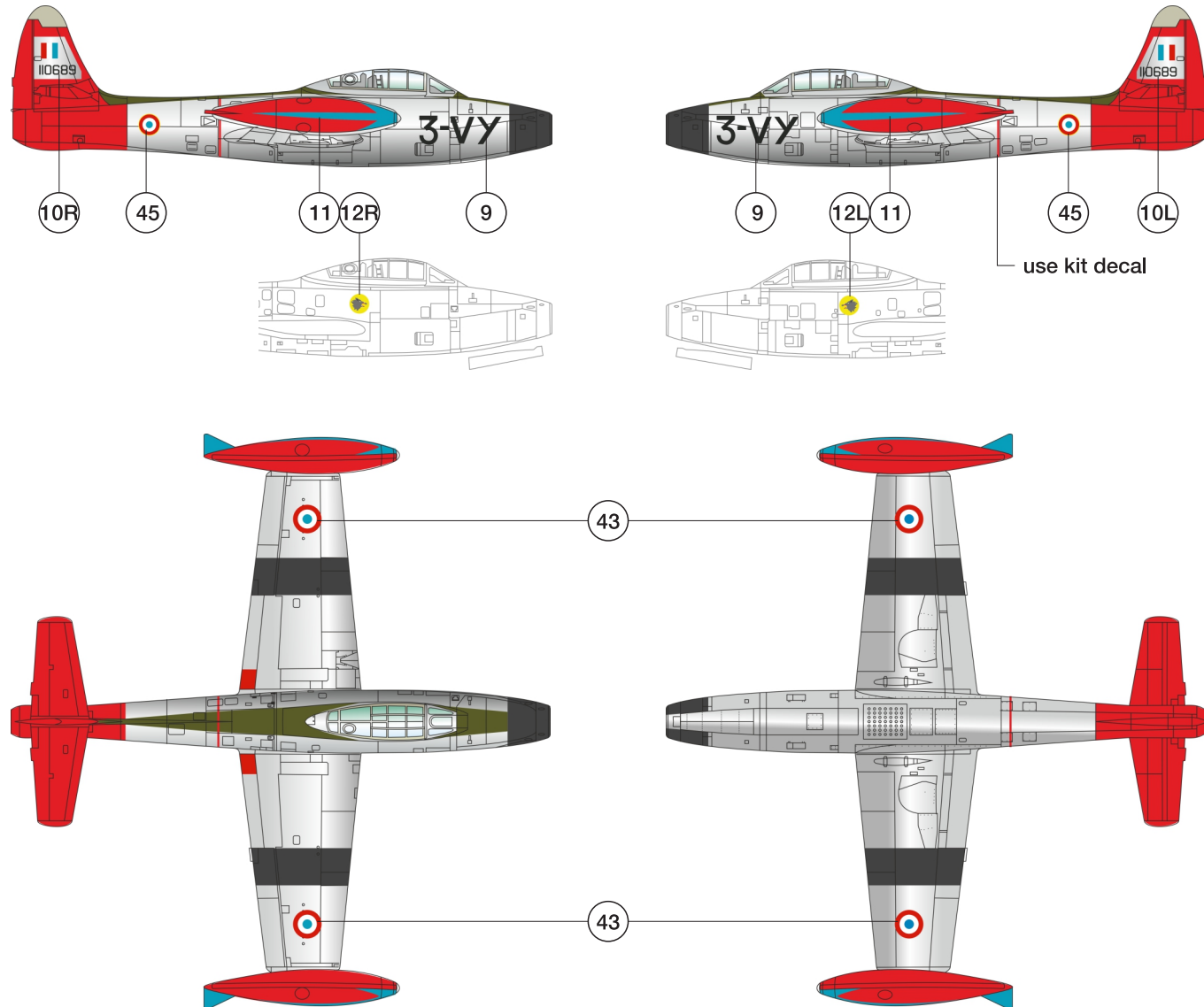
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F-84s were the first jet airplanes to form aerobatic team "Patrouille de France" and the first to actually perform under this name. Commandant Pierre Delachena, pilot of the 3^{ème} EC stationed at Reims-Champagne witnessed the display of USAF Skyblazers aerobatic team during their visit in France in 1952. This must have made significant impression upon Delachena and drove him to assign four F-84Gs to then unnamed team. Practice ensued, and soon French Thunderjets began touring around aerial meets. Some F-84Gs performing in the team received red hi-viz markings, not all of them though.

In May 1953 the appropriate name adjoined. It was during the international aerial meeting on the field of Maison-Blanche in Constantine, Algeria. The journalist and show commentator Jacques Noëttinger carried away by performance of four straight wing Republic jet fighters declared them "Patrouille de France". It hooked. Air Force general staff subsequently accepted it officially in September 1953.

F-84G-21-RE
s/n 51-10689
E.C. 3/3 Ardennes
Reims-Champagne
1953

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-  Signal Red
-  Jet Black
-  Olive Drab
-  Radome Grey

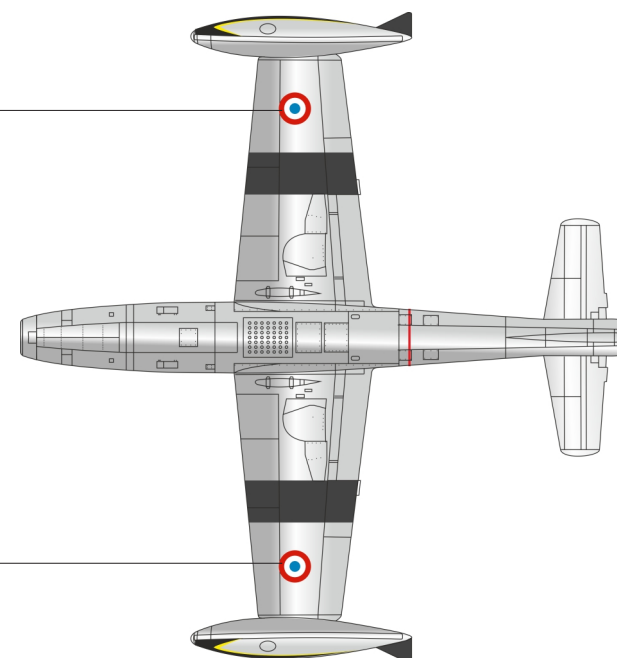
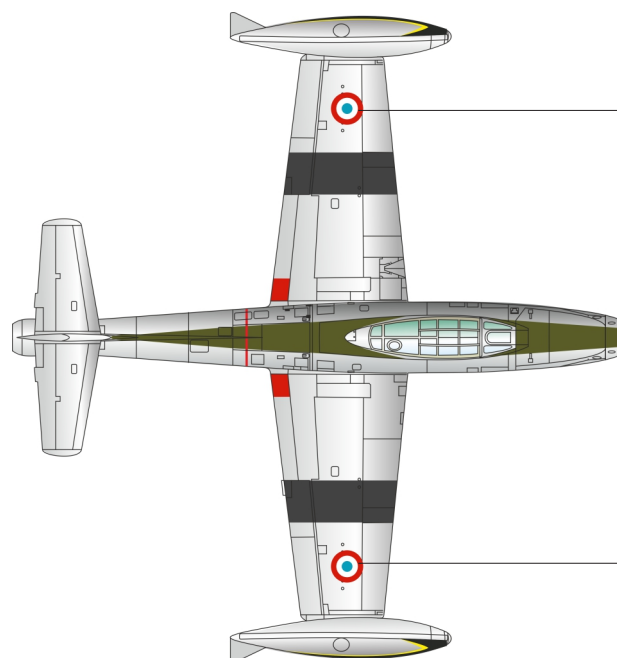
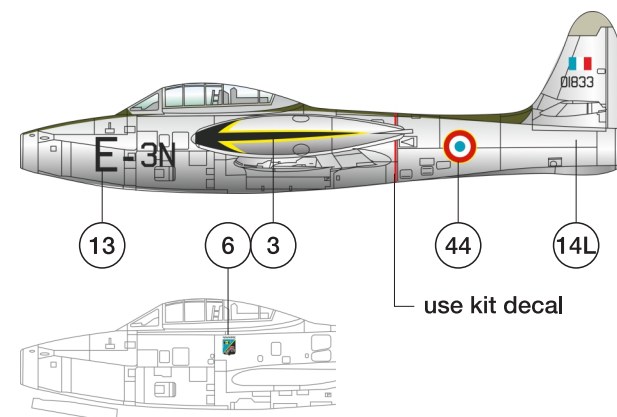
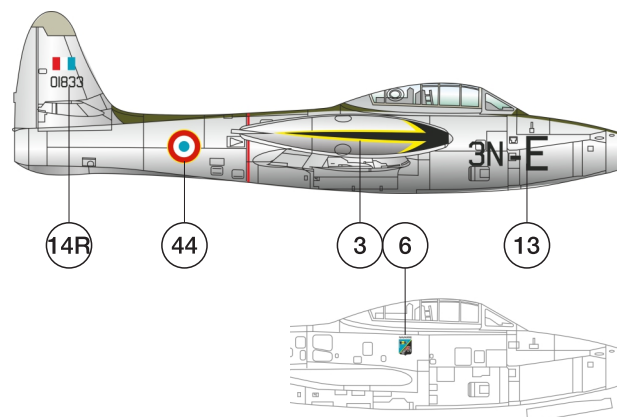


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F-84G-21-RE
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E.C. 1/3 Navarre
Reims-Champagne
1952



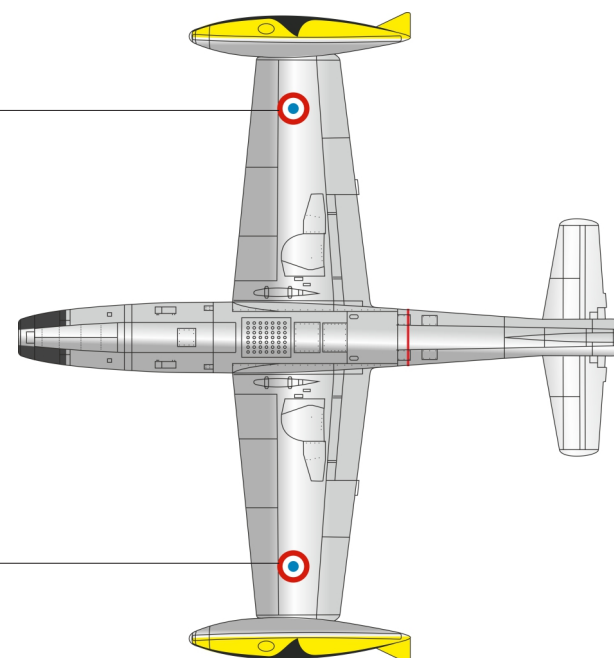
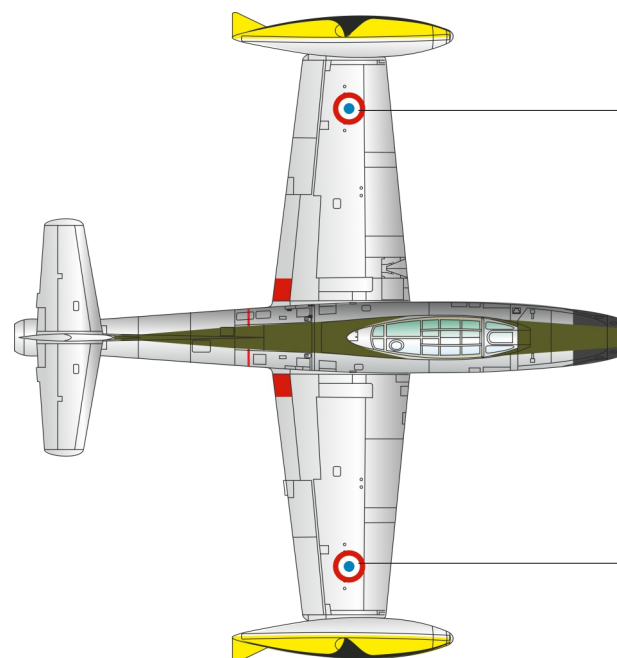
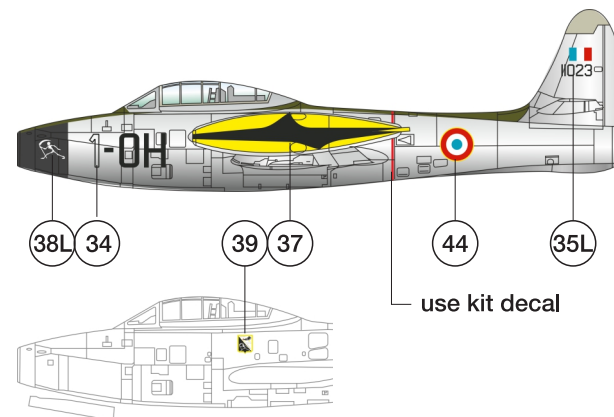
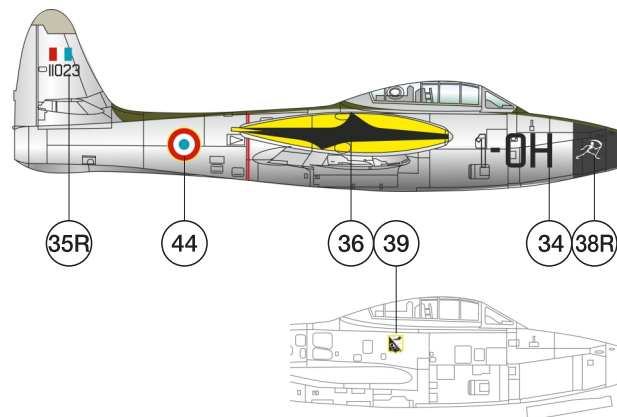
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-  Jet Black
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F-84G-26-RE
s/n 51-1023
E.C. 2/1 Morvan
Saint Dizier
1954



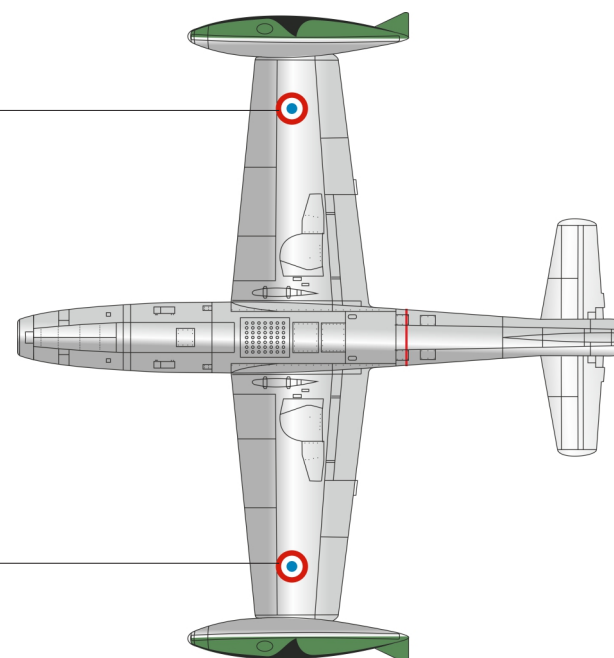
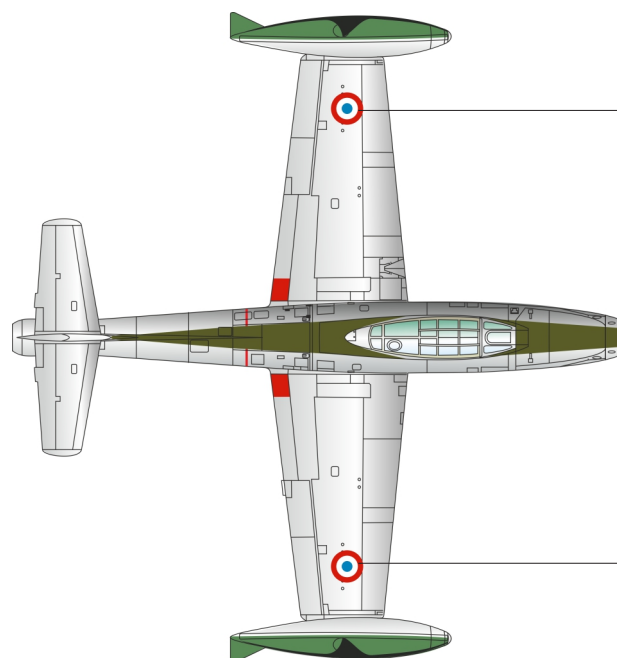
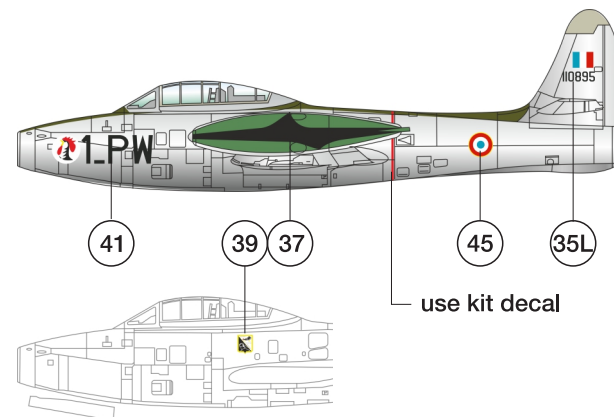
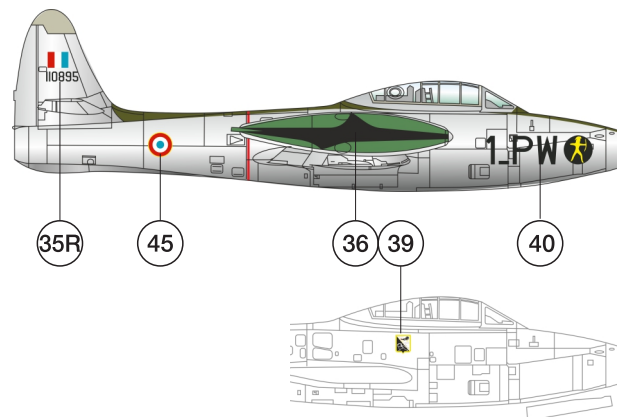
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Oddity

F-84G-21-RE
s/n 51-10895
E.C. 3/1 Argonne
Reims-Champagne
1954



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-  Interior Green
-  Jet Black
-  Olive Drab
-  Radome Grey

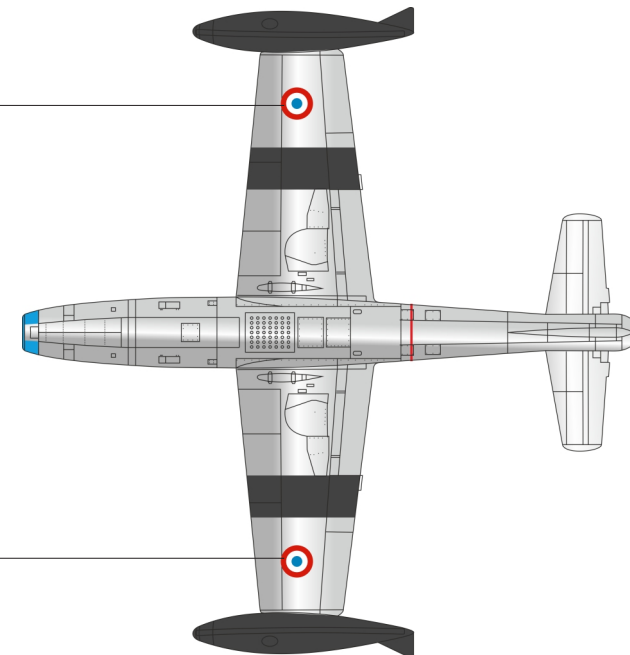
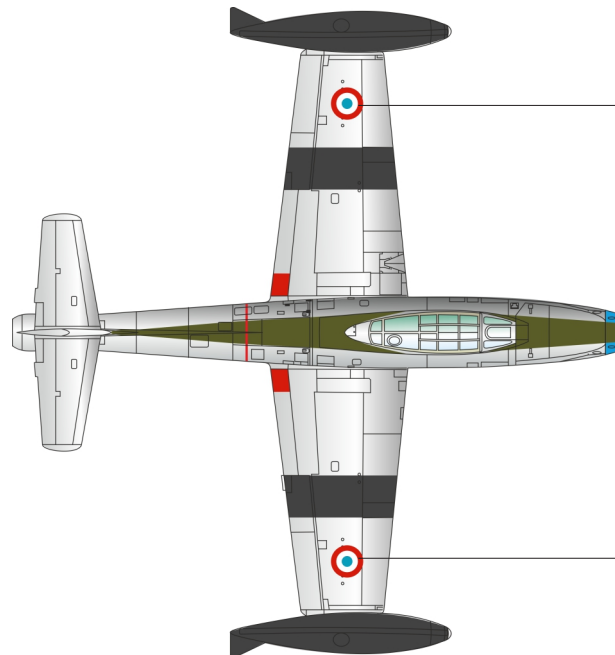
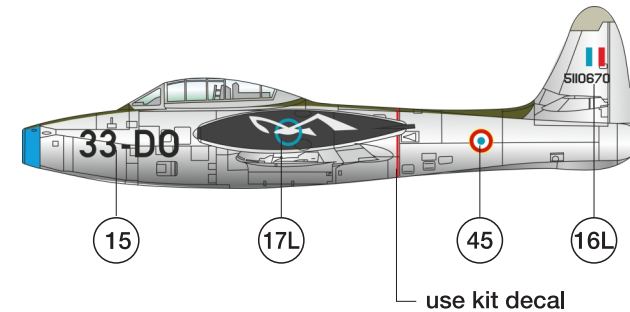
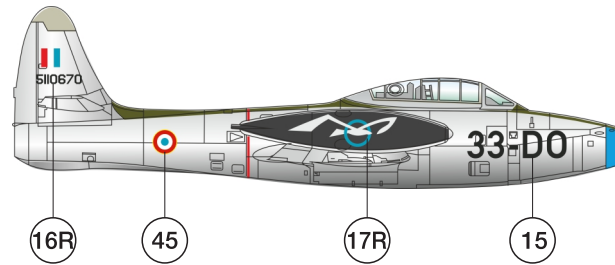
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F-84G-21-RE
s/n 51-10670
E.C. 2/33 Savoie
Cognac
1955

Thunderjets of E.C. 33 were modified to perform reconnaissance missions. In modellers language this means a conversion of regular wingtip tanks into Fletcher recce pod may be considered. More on this subject can be found [here](#)



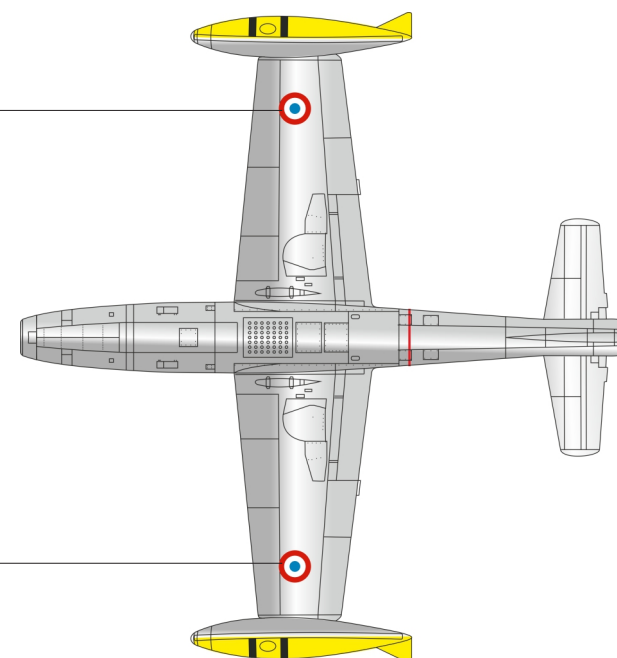
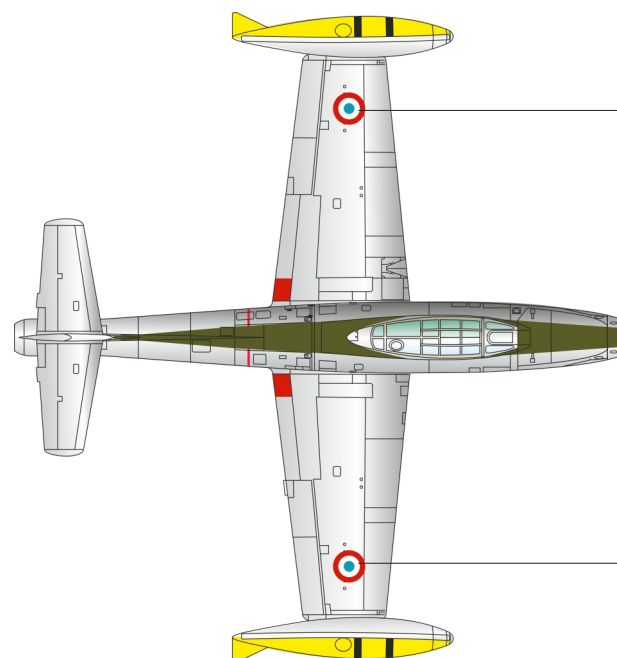
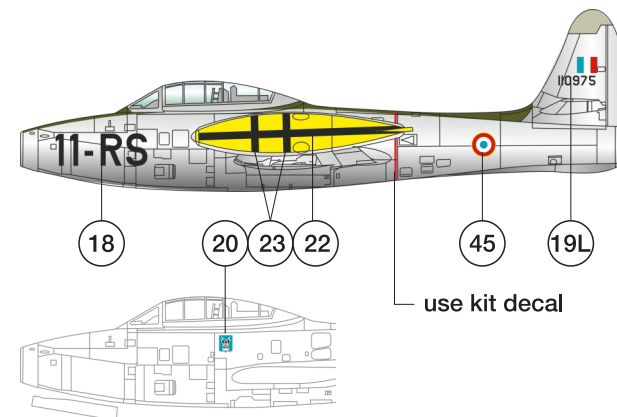
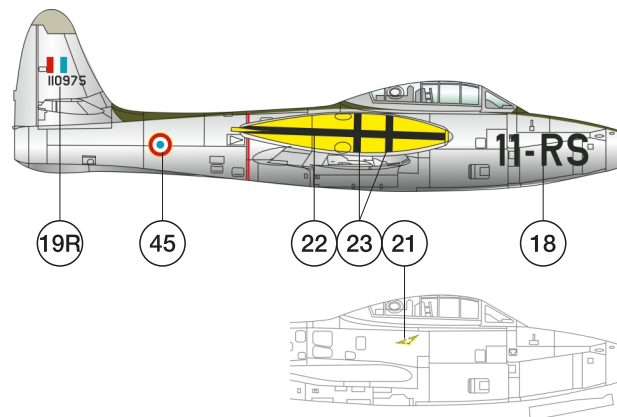
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F-84G-26-RE
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E.C. 1/11 Roussillon
Luxeuil
1953



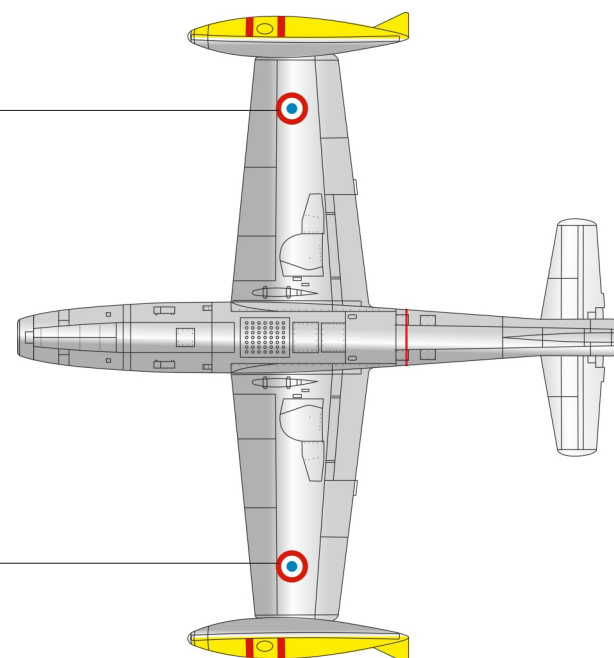
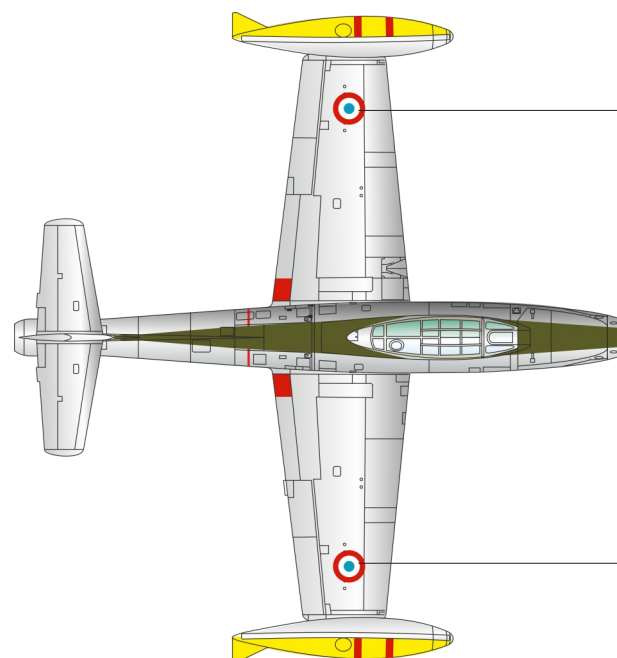
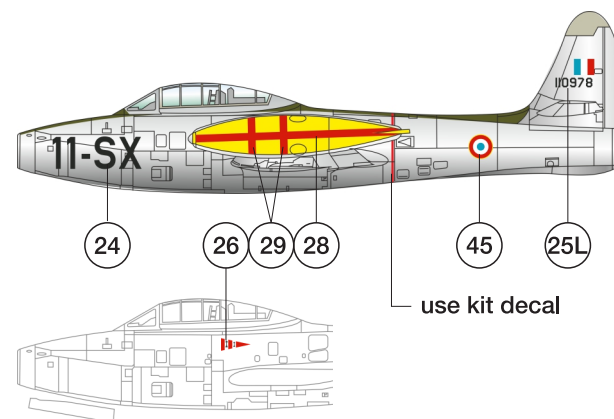
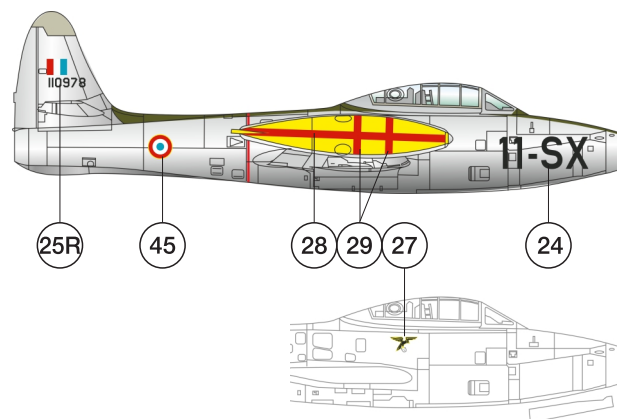
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F-84G-26-RE
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1955



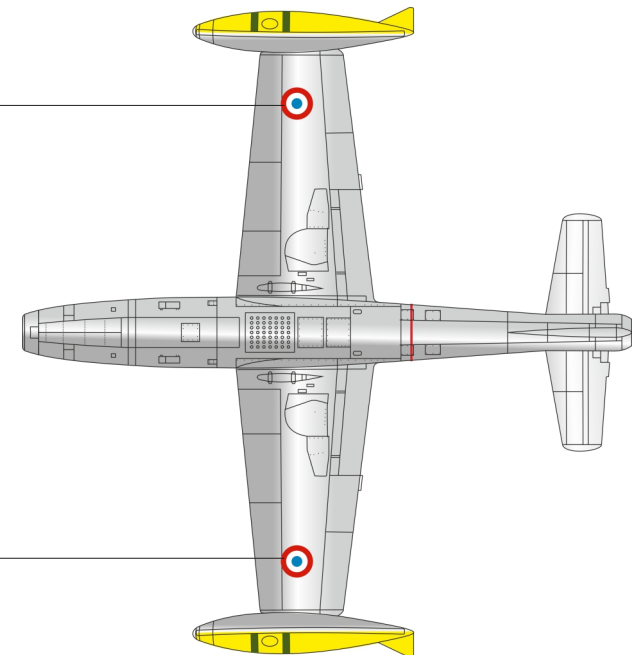
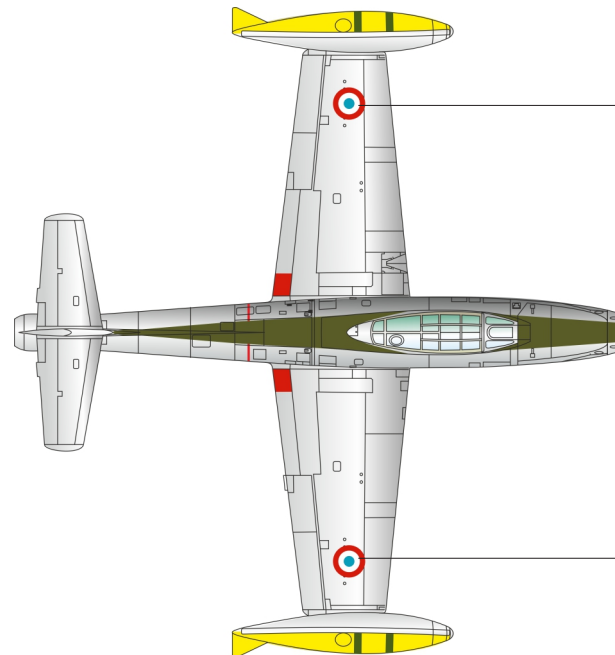
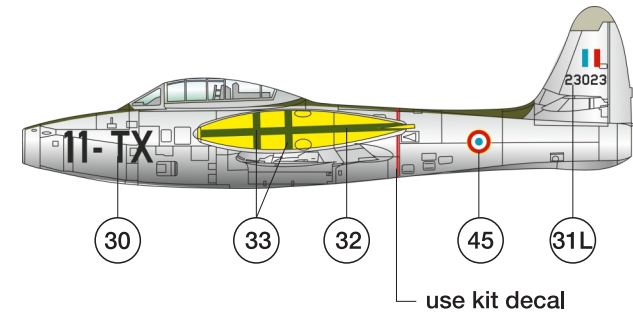
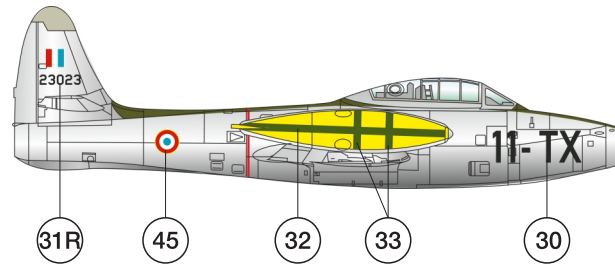
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F-84G-21-RE
s/n 52-3023
E.C. 1/3 Jura
Luxueil
1955



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-  Jet Black
-  Olive Drab
-  Radome Grey