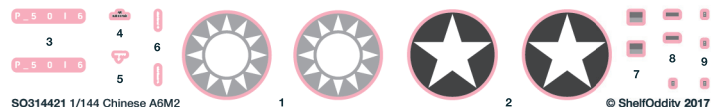


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1/144 Chinese A6M2

P_5016

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This decal set is recommended for Sweet kits but it may also be used with other Reisen models. Decals are made using silk print technology (BOA Bodecek Agency) and have very small amount of transparent base around the graphics.

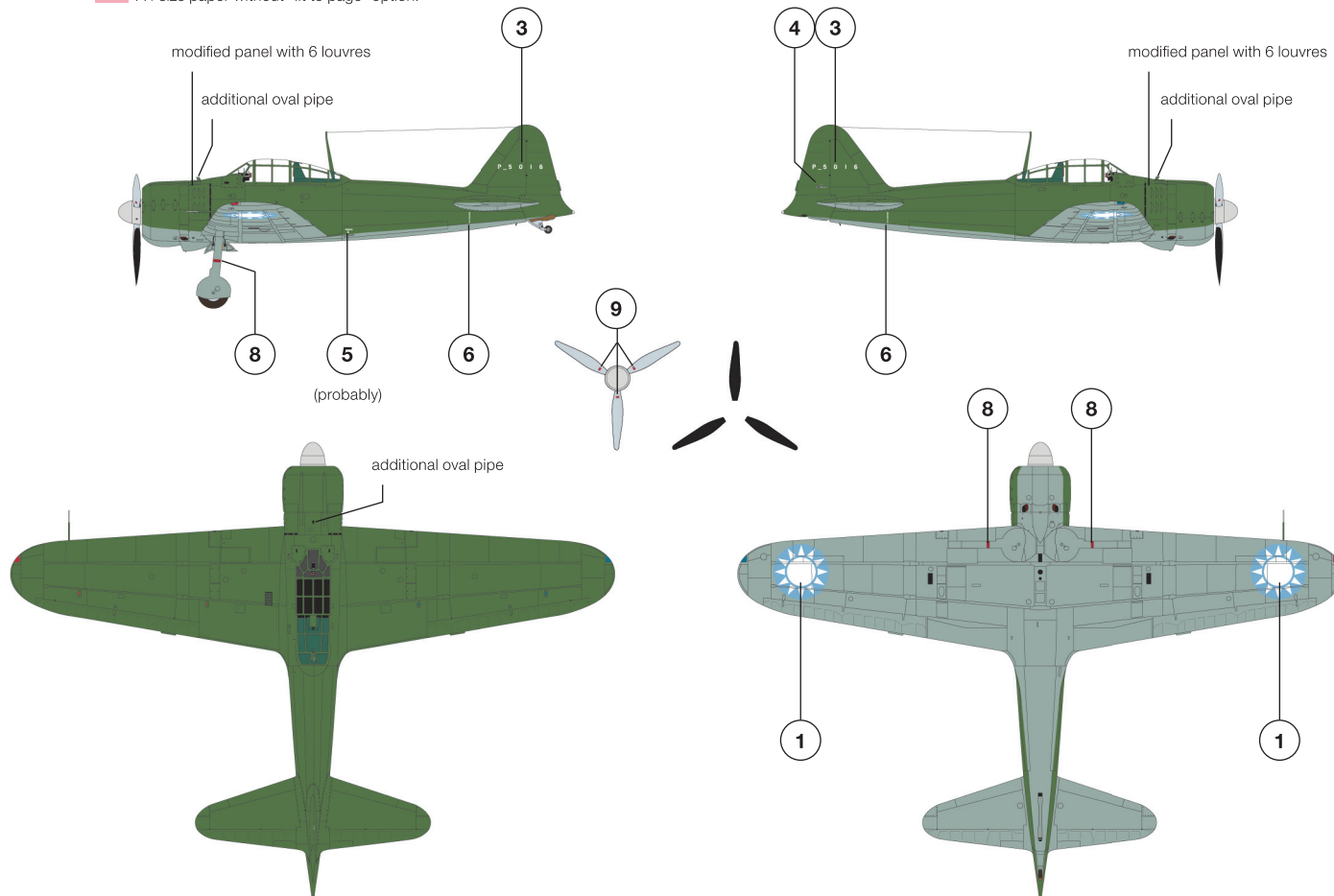
The Mitsubishi A6M2 Reisen 21 c/n: 3372, manufactured by Mitsubishi, with IJN V-172 tail no. was recovered by Allies in 1942 and used by the Republic of China Air Force (RoCAF) and USAAF in 1943-1943 period.

She was repainted most probably with standard USAAF camouflage (Olive Drab/Neutral Gray). As the machine has been repainted all of the original stencilling was gone. However some of the stencils has been reapplied in white. The wheel wells and the inner sides of landing gear doors might also be repainted with the Neutral Gray (Mitsubishi used to paint those parts in the airframe colour and not with the Aotake varnish). Landing gear legs were black, wheel hubs were painted silver. The propeller hub has most probably been painted silver, the front-side of propeller blades was kept NMF and backside – black.

On some pictures the gunsight is still visible, but the fuselage machine gun openings have been faired over. Between the faired gun opening a small vertical oval pipe was installed. The cockpit ADF loop was not installed. The arresting hook was present.

Two of the original panels on the fuselage were missing and they have been replaced with the ones featuring 6 additional louvres each.

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Colour guide:



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This is the same machine but in 'official' US colours. The stars are visible on a very few photographs. The recently found picture clearly shows the star insignia on top of the port wing – confirming the use of standard USAAF markings positions on airplane wings.

Note – the markings on both landing gear doors received an additional blue stripe.

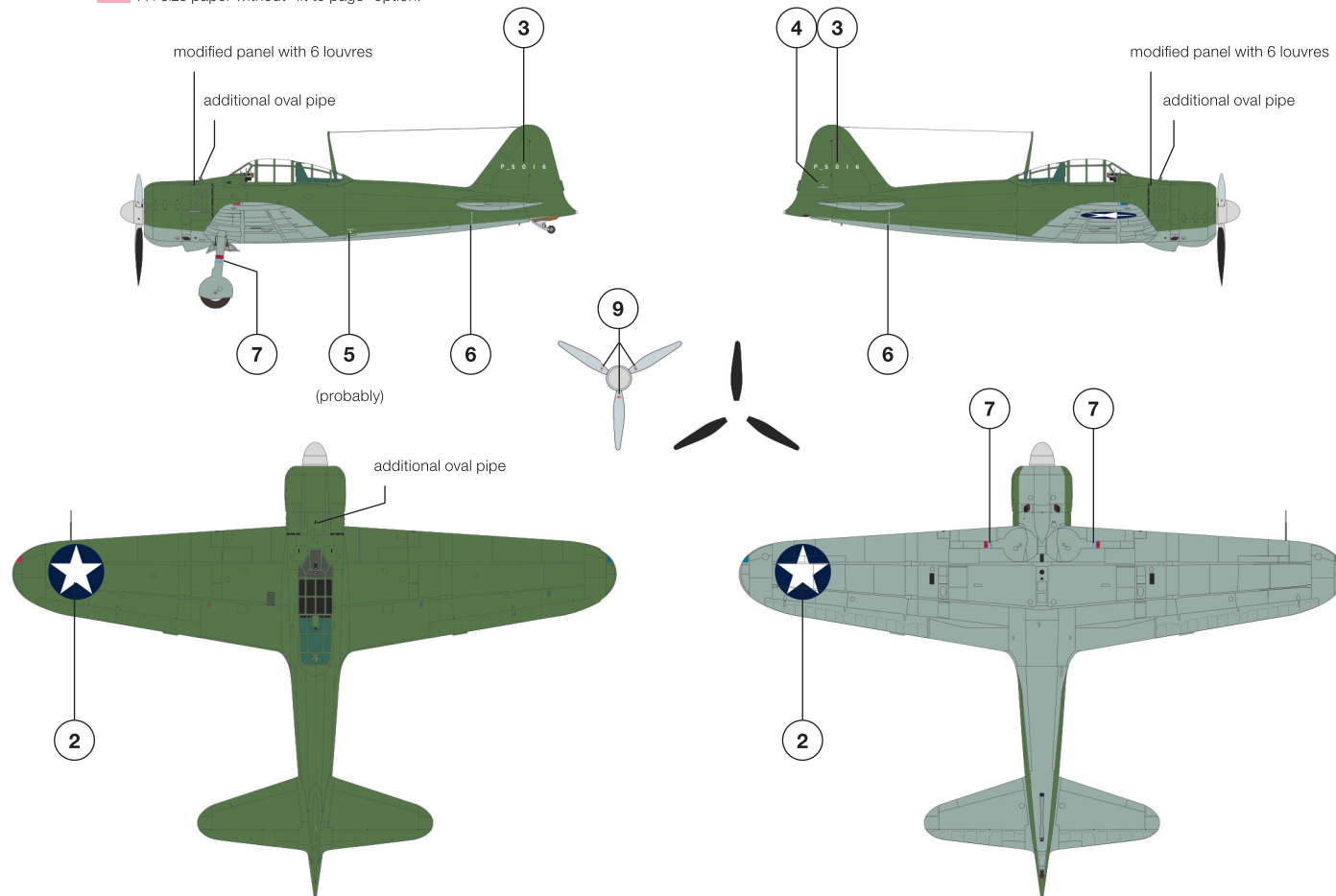
Later on (most probably in 1944) the P_5016 was repainted again with highly glossy paints and was given full USAAF markings with tail code EB-2 (subsequently EB200). This marking is not a part of our decal set.

A Brengun BRL144059 PE set can be used to further enhance your model.

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C&M of The Imperial Japanese Navy Fighters in WWII – Model Art 272

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Colour guide:

ANA41
Olive Drab

ANA43
Neutral Gray

Mitsubishi
Interior Green

Black

Silver

Natural Aluminium
Finish