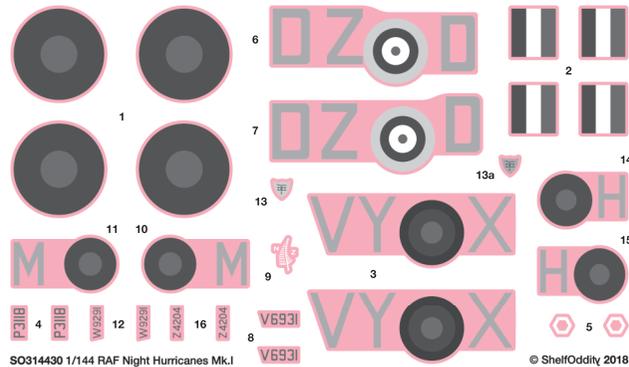


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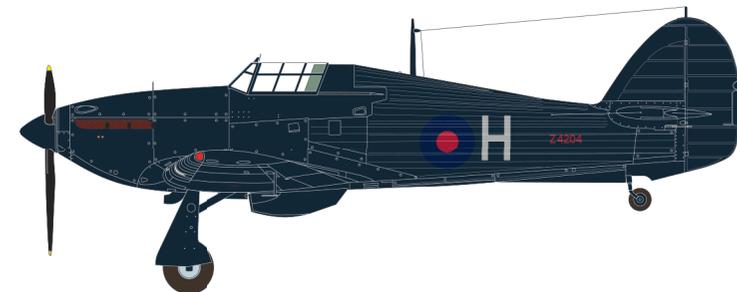
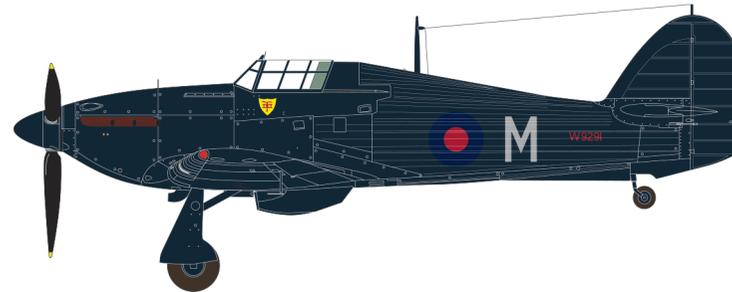
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This decal set is recommended for Sweet kits. Decals are made using silk print technology (BOA Bodecek Agency) and feature a limited amount of transparent base around the graphics.

The night Hurricanes may look a bit dull, but if you take into the consideration that RDM Night paint used on them had a very matte surface and was prone to weathering, a completely different picture emerges.

Additionally, two of the aircraft presented here were stationed in Egypt. A very matte finish plus omnipresent sand create an interesting effect.

The excellent Sweet kit can be further enhanced with Shelf Oddity PE set SO214420 and Brengun vacformed canopy BRL144135.

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Hurricane Mk.I P3118 VY-X, Gloster built
85 Sqn. RAF, Debden Essex, 03.1941
used by Squadron Leader FC J. Wheeler

The 85 Sqn. crest – a white hexagon – was applied on both sides. At least one photo exist to confirm this. Available photos are unclear about the red P3118 serial though. We decided to include these numbers in our set, just in case a better quality photos appear in the future – it is up to you whether to use them.

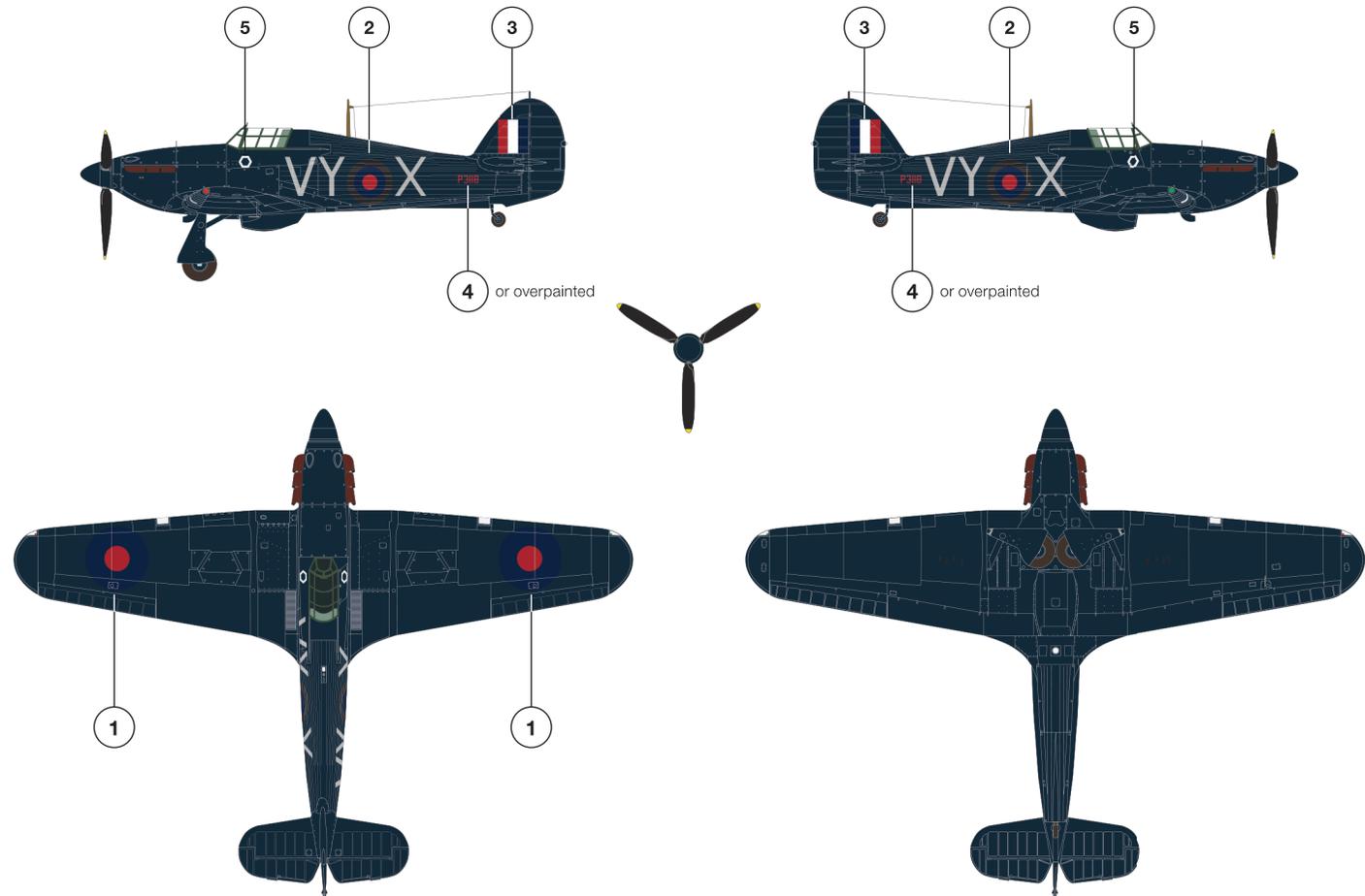
While applying RDM Night coat, the cockpit canopy frame and antennae mast were left out. The original camouflage colours – Dark Green and Dark Earth – are still visible. The fuselage roundel's white and yellow areas were overpainted. We decided to simulate the yellow overpaint with a darker shade in our set.

The wheel hubs and most probably wheel wells were painted black. Only the landing gear legs were most likely left in aluminium finish.

Rotol propeller blades were black with yellow tips. The oil ring was present and the antennae mast did have the rear triangle. Cockpit interior was most probably kept in standard Aircraft Grey-Green RAF colour.

The pale exhaust staining shows prominently in existing photos. The Night finish was far from pristine state.

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Colour guide:



RDM Night



Dark Green



Dark Earth



Yellow



Black



Aircraft Grey-Green



Aluminium

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Hurricane Mk.I V6931 DZ-D, Gloster built
151 Sqn. RAF, Wittering, 05.1941
used by Flt.Lt. I. S. 'Blackie' Smith

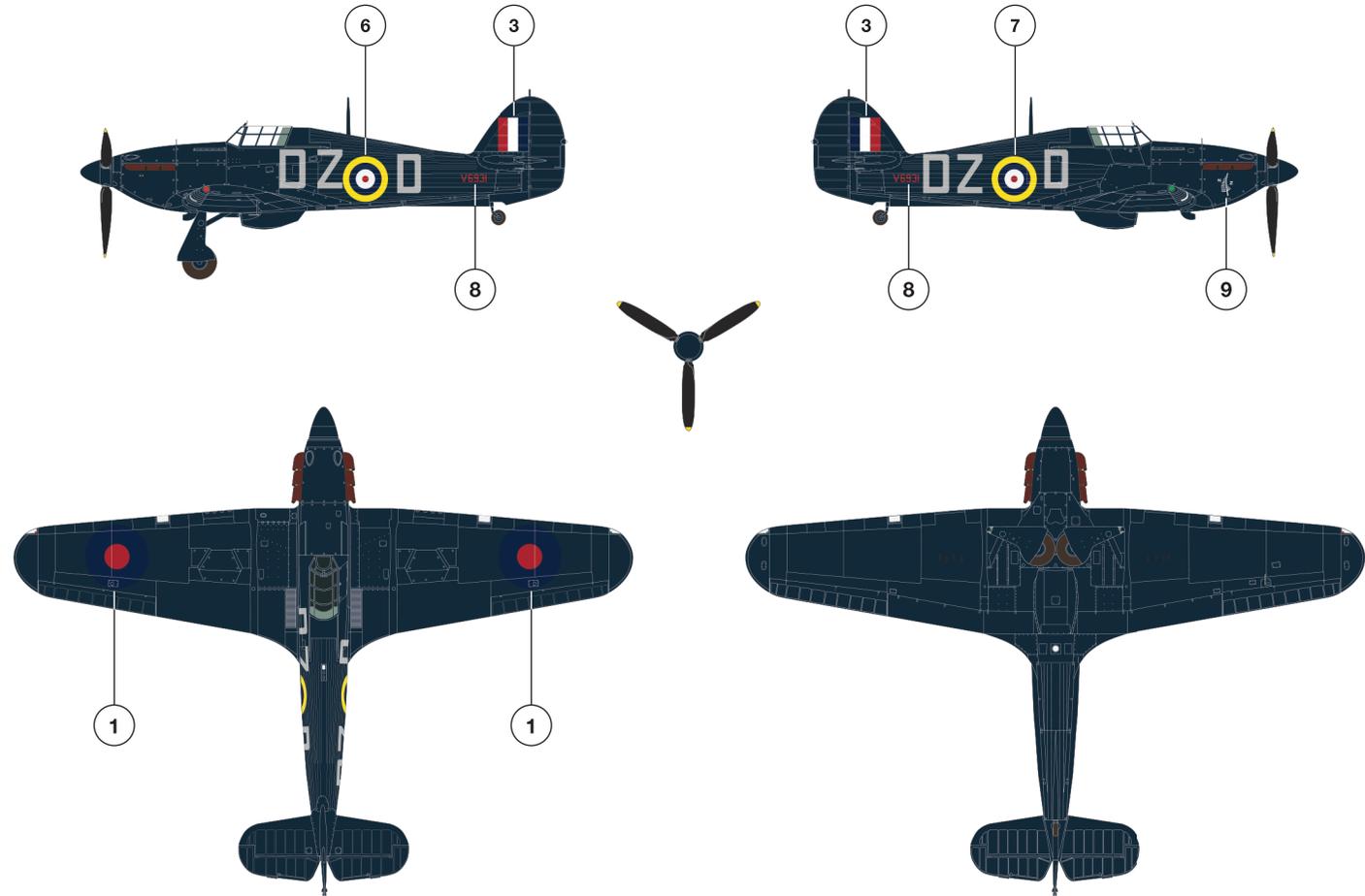
The Fern Leaf (indicating pilots' country of origin) was applied most probably only on starboard front fuselage.

The complete main landing gear, and most probably wheel wells, were painted black. Rotol propeller blades were black with yellow tips.

The oil ring and exhaust flame shields were present and the antennae mast did not have the rear triangle. Cockpit interior was most probably kept in standard Aircraft Grey-Green RAF colour.

The first panel of the fuselage (the one immediately behind the spinner) was heavily weathered. The Night finish was far from the pristine state.

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Hurricane Mk.I W9291 M, Gloster built
213 Sqn. RAF, Idku, Egypt, 08.1941

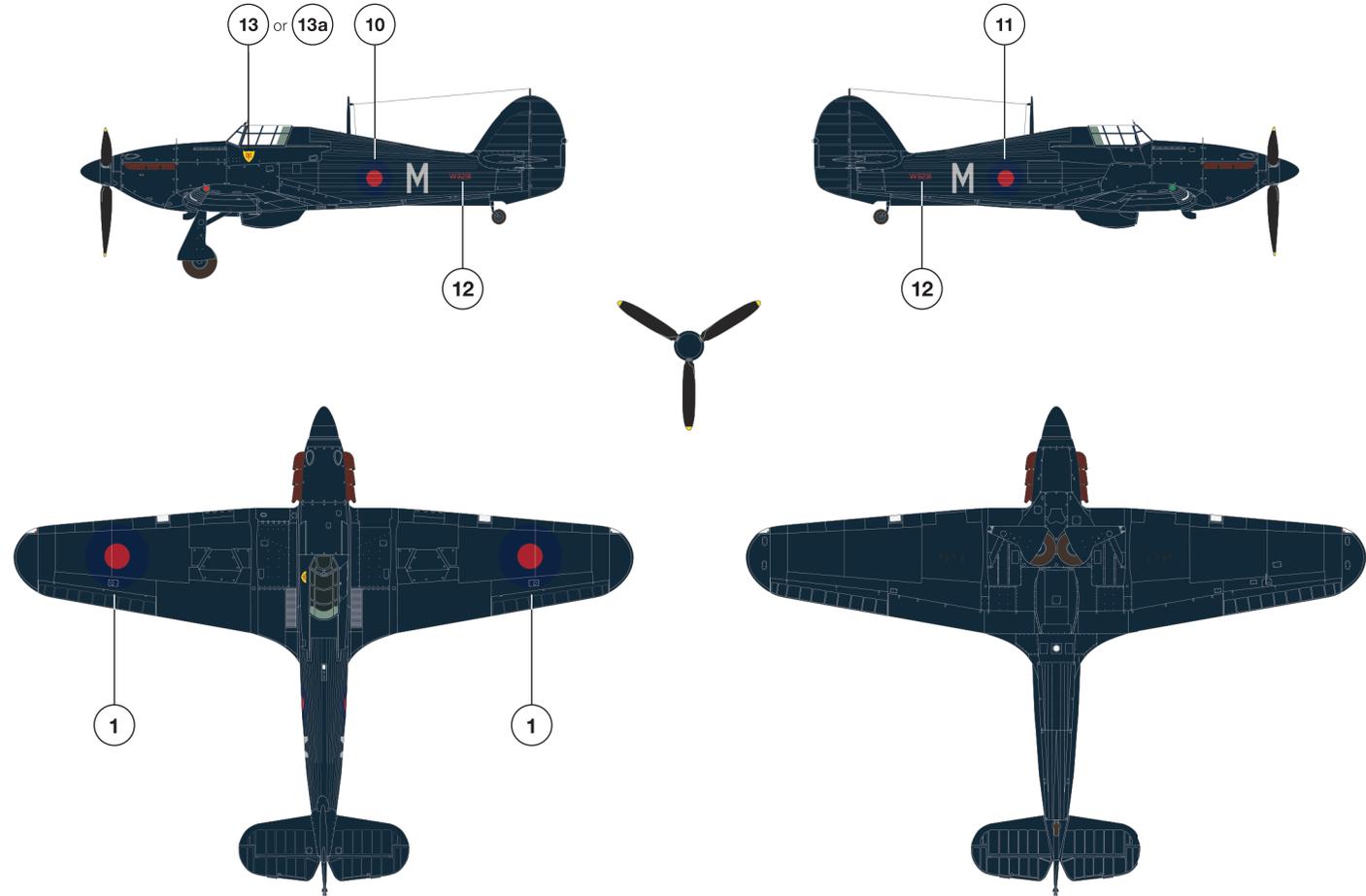
The pilots' crest was applied only on a port-side cockpit wall. Used colours are unknown, that is why we are proposing two versions of the crest.

The complete main landing gear, and most probably wheel wells, were painted black. Rotol propeller blades were black with yellow tips.

The oil ring and exhaust flame shields were present and the antennae mast did have the rear triangle. Cockpit interior was most probably kept in standard Aircraft Grey-Green RAF colour.

The pale exhaust staining is quite prominent on existing photos. The Night finish seems to be quite fresh otherwise.

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Colour guide:



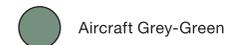
RDM Night



Yellow



Black



Aircraft Grey-Green

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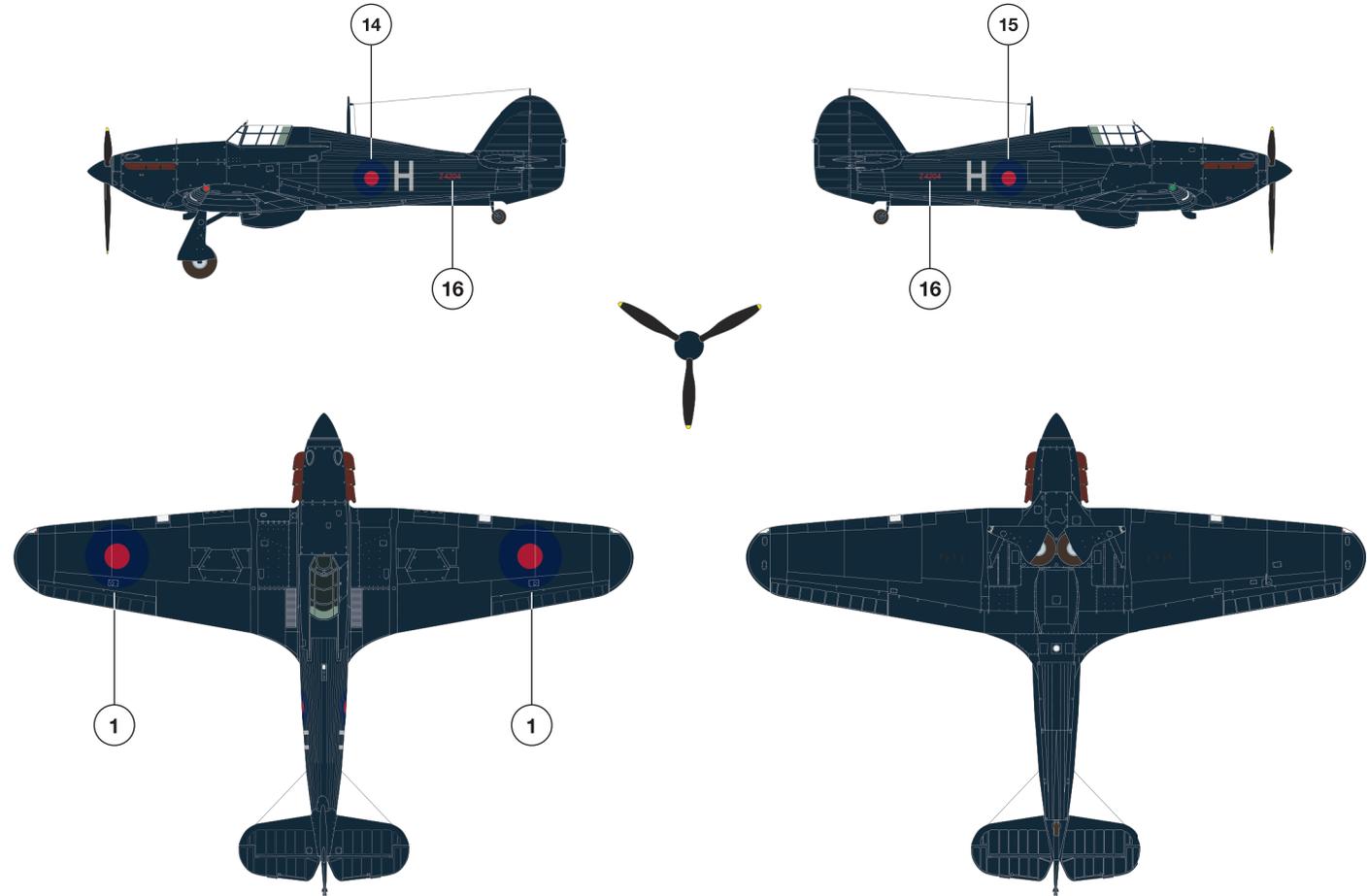
Hurricane Mk.I Z4202 H, Gloster built
Flight B of 30 Sqn. RAF, Idku, Egypt, late 1941

The complete main landing gear (apart from the aluminium wheel hubs) and most probably wheel wells were painted black. deHavilland propeller blades were black with yellow tips.

The oil ring was present and the antennae mast did have the rear triangle. The additional antennae wires between horizontal stabilizers and fuselage were also present. Cockpit area was most probably kept in standard Aircraft Grey-Green RAF colour.

The pale exhaust staining is visible on existing photos. The Night finish was in rather pristine state otherwise.

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