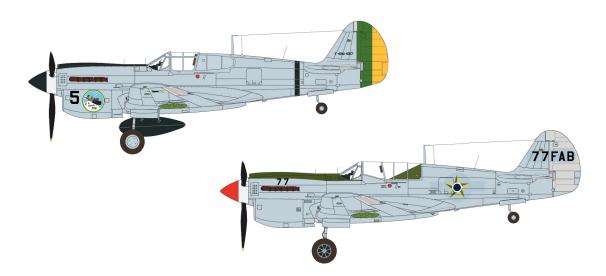


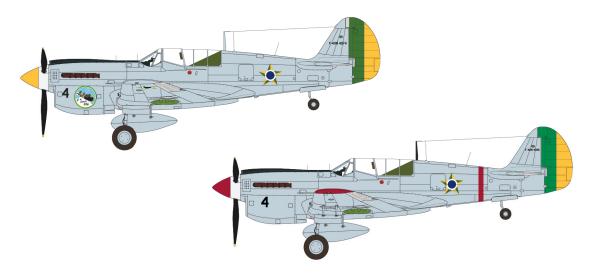


This decal set is recommended for AFV Club and recent F-Toys kits. Decals are made using silk print technology (BOA Bodecek Agency) and feature a limited amount of transparent base around the graphics.

Set contains markings for nine bare metal late-war and post-war Força Aérea Brasileira machines. Despite of the quantity of colour profiles available, the directly corresponding photos are just scarce. Some of the depicted schemes are based on a single photograph showing a part of the airplane only - the remaining markings have been recreated either as a guesstimate basing upon photographs of other machines from the same unit/period or using information from written references.

Brazilian bare metal late-war P-40s depicted in this set were supplied from the US as brand-new a/c with full stencilling applied. Later-on, some war-time camouflaged machines were stripped of paint and the stencilling was not recreated.





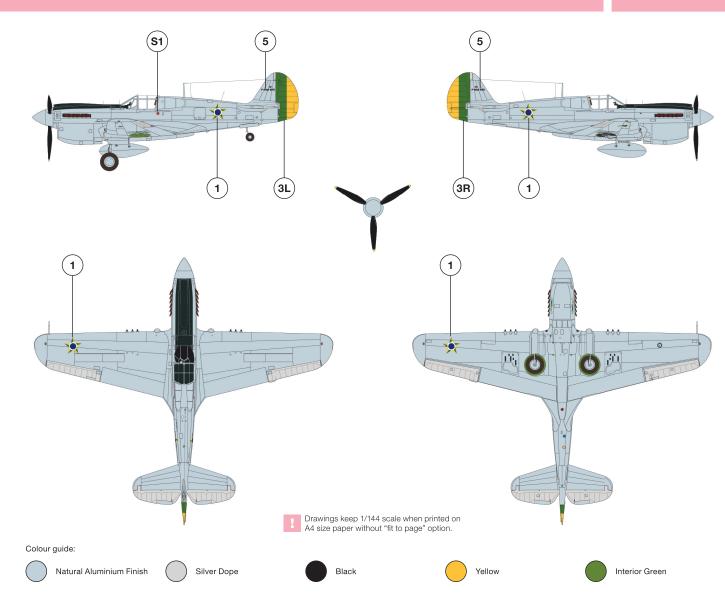
P-40M-5-CU, 43-5651, FAB 4051 3° GpCa ARR, Cumbica Air Base, Sao Paulo 27.05.1944

Most of the stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint. Even the areas behind the cockpit seem to be devoid of paint.

The existing photos show black colour has been used for the anti-glare area.

The spinner was natural aluminium, propeller blades featured yellow tips only.

Wheel hubs were covered with flat covers kept in the natural metal finish.



F-40M-5-CU, 43-5675, FAB 4057, 5 1°/14° GAV ARR, Canoas Air Base, Porto Alegre Jan 1958

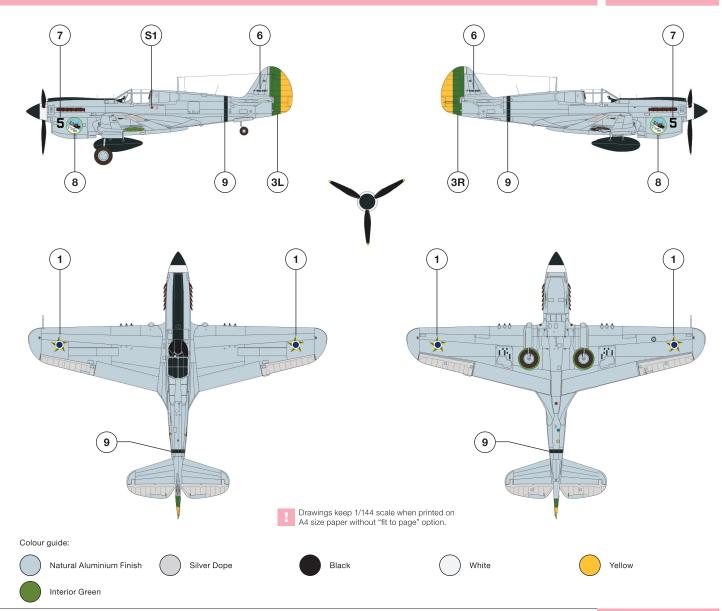
The last livery of FAB 4057 seen at F-40s retirement ceremony from the Brazilian Air Forces.

Most of the stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint. Even the areas behind the cockpit seem to be devoid of paint.

The existing photos show black colour has been used for the anti-glare area. The spinner was white with black tip, propeller blades featured yellow tips only.

Wheel hubs were covered with flat covers kept in the natural metal finish. The auxiliary fuel tank was very dark, most likely black to match the individual machine colour.

The port side 1°/14° GAV badge (8) is an guesstimate. Alternatively only the starboard badge was used (see page no. 6).



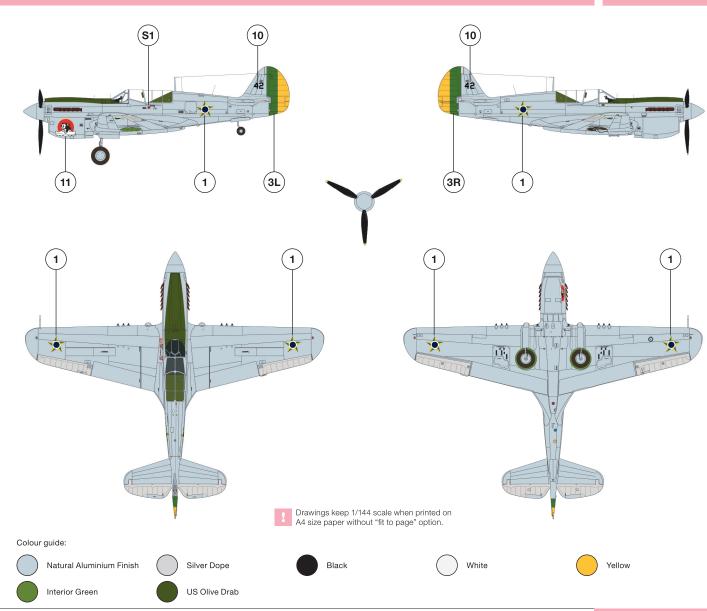
P-40N-35-CU, 44-7696, FAB 42 (4060) 3° GpCa, possibly Gravataí Military Airfield Dec 1944/Jan 1945

The existing colour photo of 3° GpCa machines from 1945 show Olive Drab colour has been used for the anti-glare area indicating that the full set of stencilling may have been present on this a/c (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050).

The spinner was natural aluminium, propeller blades featured yellow tips only.

Wheel hubs were covered with flat covers kept in the natural metal finish.

The existence of starboard "Figaro the Cat" badge (11) is shown only on the colour plate in the Curtiss P-40 no Brasil book, we could not localise the clear photo of this exact machine.



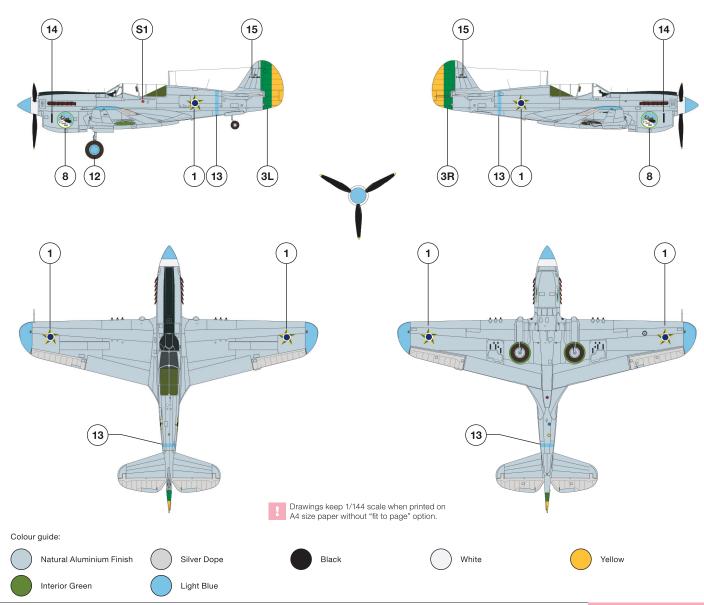
F-40N-35-CU, 44-7702, FAB 4066, 1 1°/14° GAV, Canoas Air Base, Porto Alegre 1953-54

Most of the stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint.

The existing photos show black colour has been used for the anti-glare area. The spinner was white with light blue tip, propeller blades featured yellow tips only.

Wheel hubs were covered with flat covers and painted light blue. Both wingtips were also light blue.

As we could not localise the clear photo of this exact machine, this livery is based upon on the colour plate and the associated written descriptions of this a/c in the Curtiss P-40 no Brasil book.



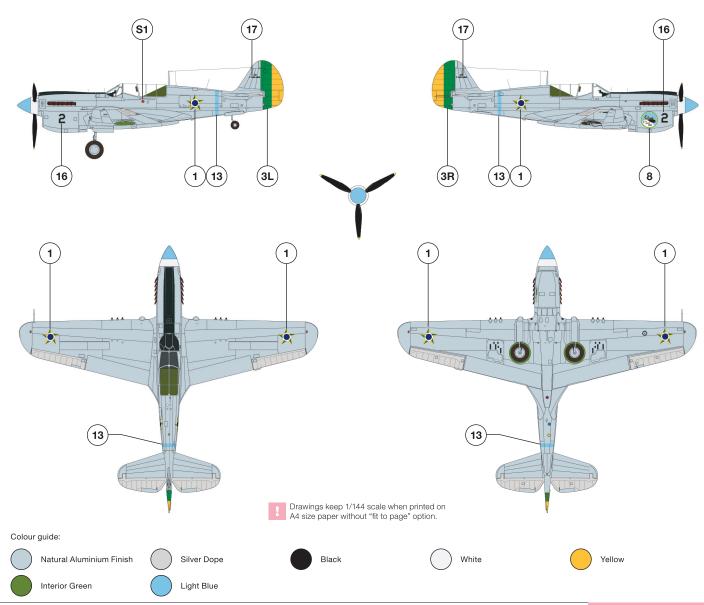
F-40N-35-CU, 44-7704, FAB 4068, 2 1°/14° GAV, PASP, Campo de Marte 1952-53

Most of the stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint.

The existing photos show black colour has been used for the anti-glare area. The spinner was white with light blue tip, propeller blades featured yellow tips only.

Wheel hubs were covered with flat covers kept in the natural metal finish.

As we have found only single photo of FAB 4068 a/c, this livery is partially based upon on the colour plate and the associated written descriptions of this machine in the Curtiss P-40 no Brasil book.



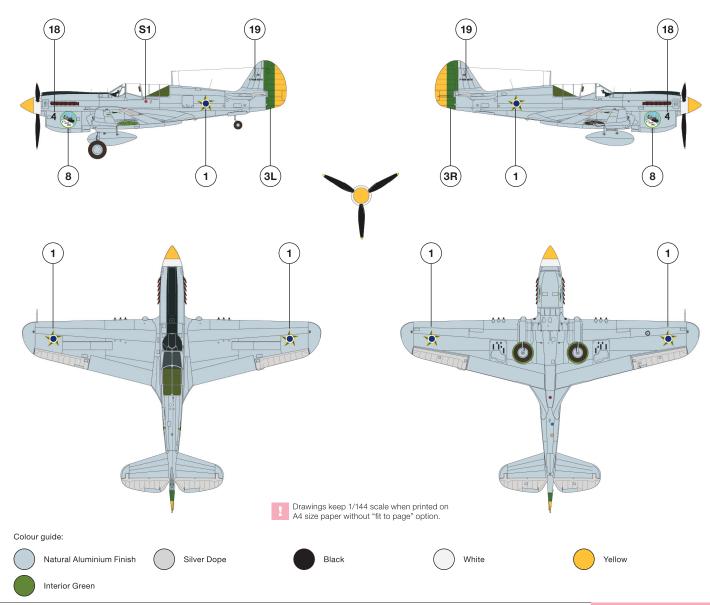


F-40N-35-CU, 44-7711, FAB 4074, 4 1°/14° GAV, Canoas Air Base, Porto Alegre 1951-52

Most of the stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint.

The existing photos show black colour has been used for the anti-glare area. The spinner was white with yellow tip, propeller blades featured yellow tips only.

Wheel hubs were covered with flat covers kept in the natural metal finish.



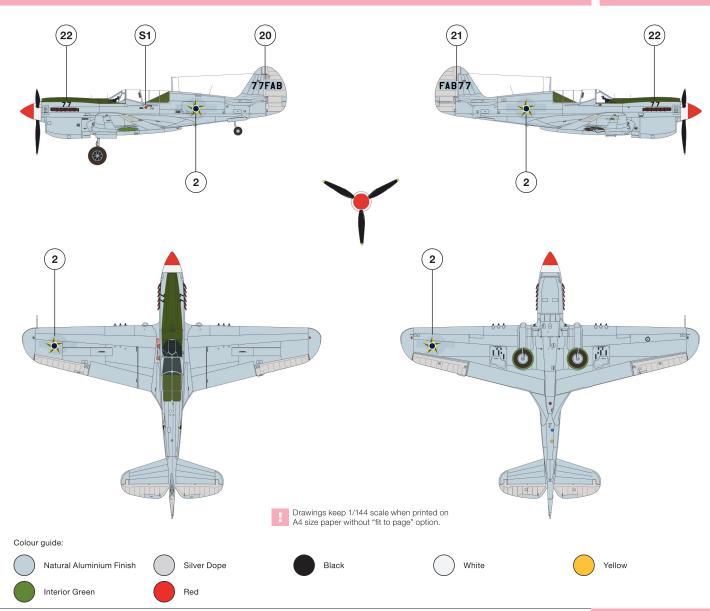
P-40N-40-CU, 44-47871, FAB 77 (4095) 3°GpCa, Canoas Air Base, Porto Alegre late 1945

The existing photo of this machine shows Olive Drab colour has been used for the anti-glare area and the full set of stencilling is visible (available separately as Shelf Oddity decal set SO3144050).

Dull and pale remains of removed US insignia and serial numbers are visible.

The spinner was white with red tip, propeller blades most likely featured yellow tips only.

Wheel hubs were kept in the natural metal finish and without cover plates as visible on photographs of other machines from this unit/period.





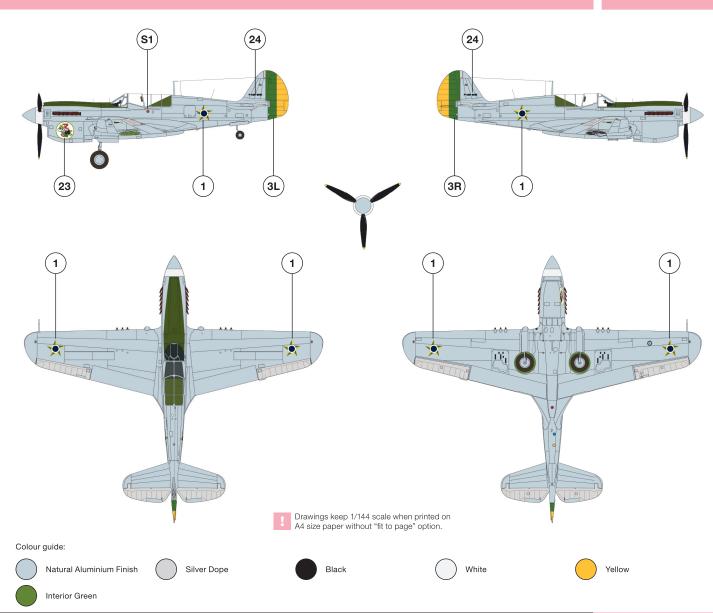
P-40N-40-CU, 44-47871, FAB 4095 3°GpCa, Cumbica Air Base, Sao Paulo 1949

The existing photos show Olive Drab colour has been used for the anti-glare area but the stencils are not visible - most probably they were removed during the service.

The spinner was white with natural aluminium tip, propeller blades featured yellow tips only.

Wheel hubs were covered with flat covers kept in the natural metal finish.

The "Ze Carioca" badge (23) was present on the port side only.





F-40N-40-CU, 44-47880, FAB 4096, 4 1°/14° GAV, Santa Cruz Air Base Jul 1954

Most of the stencils are not visible – most probably they were removed together with the paint.

The existing photos show black colour has been used for the anti-glare area and the antennae mast. The spinner was white with tip in a darker hue of red, propeller blades featured yellow tips only.

Wheel hubs were covered with flat covers kept in the natural metal finish. Port side wingtip was painted the same hue of read as the tip of the spinner while the starboard wingtip was left unpainted.

Heavy smoke staining was present on the fuselage.

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