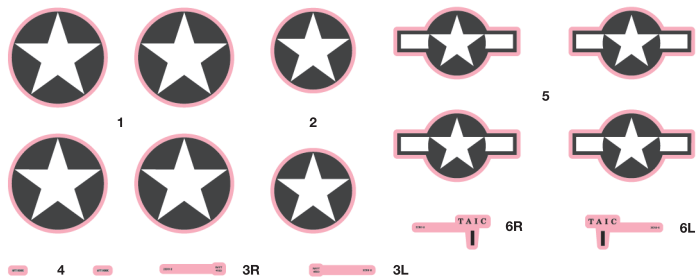


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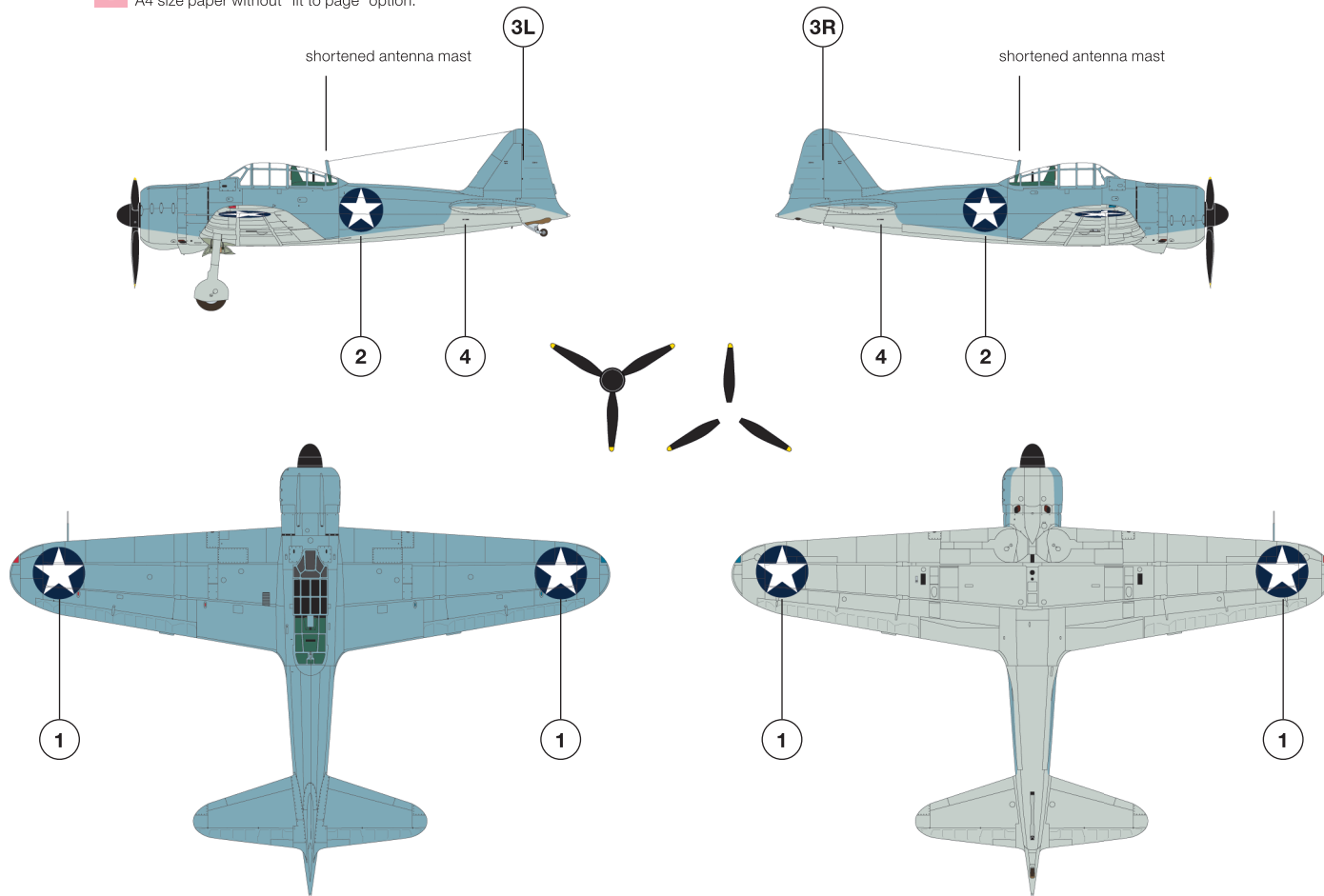
This decal set is recommended for Sweet kits but it may also be used with other Reisen models. Decals are made using silk print technology (BOA Bodecek Agency) and have very small amount of transparent base around the graphics.

The Mitsubishi A6M2 Reisen 21 c/n: 4593, manufactured by Mitsubishi, with IJN D1-108 tail no. was recovered in Alaska in 1942 and used in 1943-1945 period by US Navy.

At first she was repainted with standard two-tone early USN camouflage (Blue Gray/Light Gray) and marked 'Navy 4593 Zero-2'. As the machine has been repainted all of the original stencilling was gone. One stencil appears to have been applied in black colour. Beginning with October 1942 she was extensively tested at NAS North Island near San Diego.

The wheel wells and the inner sides of landing gear doors might be repainted with the Light Gray or left in IJN Ame-Iro colour (Mitsubishi used to paint those parts with the airframe colour and not with the Aotake varnish). Landing gear legs were black, wheel hubs were painted silver. The propeller hub and the propeller blades were painted black. The propeller tips were yellow on both sides of each blade.

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This is the same machine but shown in her final guise at Pax River Naval Air Flight Test Center, Maryland in early 1945.

All paint was removed (including the wheel wells and doors), the canvas-covered areas were painted silver and black anti-glare panel was added.

This makes the only known NMF A6M2 in the world!

In both liveries the gunsight and the guns were removed, the cockpit ADF loop was retained. The antenna mast has been shortened and the arresting hook was present.

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

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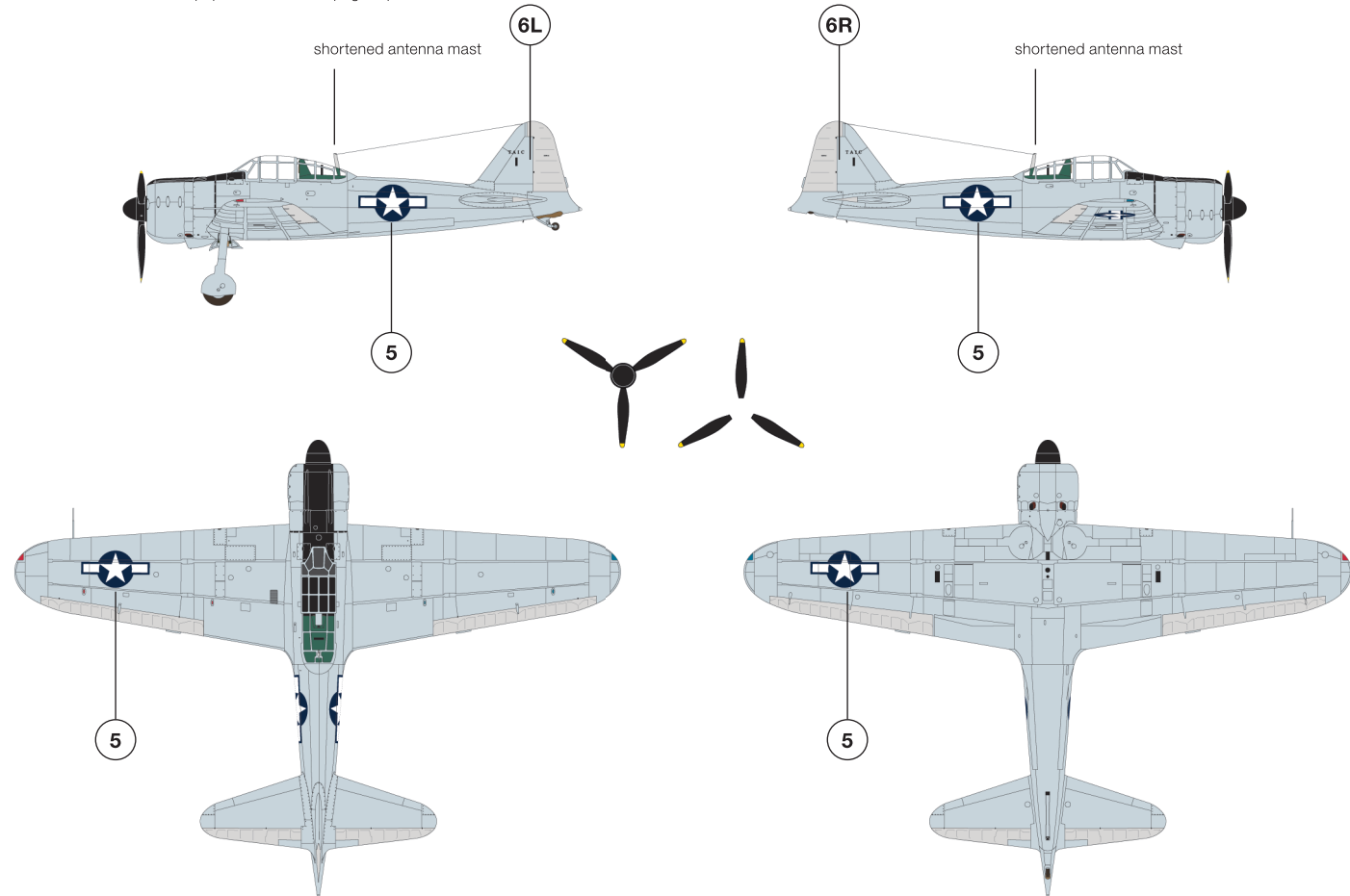
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