MiG-21MF interceptor

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The MiG-21 was the most-produced supersonic fighter in the world serving with more than fifty Air Forces over four continents. The MiG-21MF was the export version which was available in two sub-variants. As a fighter-bomber or an interceptor.

The MiG-21 was one of a long-list of Mikoyan-Gurevich designs integrated into the armed forces of the Soviet Union, the Warsaw Pact, and allied client states. Its predecessors included such notable types as the MiG-15, MiG-17, and the supersonic MiG-19.

The roots of MiG-21 project reach back to the first half of the fifties. In 1954, when the preliminary design study Ye-1 came to its end and was quickly replaced by the reworked Ye-2 prototype. Both had a swept wing. The first MiG design to feature the delta wing was the Ye-4 prototype, which took to the air for the first time on June 16, 1955. It was also demonstrated a year later at the Moscow airfield Tushino.

The new aircraft with the MiG-21 designation was the first successful Soviet design integrating fighter and interceptor characteristics. It was also quite light Mach 2 aircraft, although the long-lasting development was adding weight gradually. The design featured sleek fuselage with the front air intake and shock cone. This feature later limited future development due to the very small space available for the radar.

Cold War warrior

The first of the new line to enter production was the MiG-21F, which together with the MiG-21P and MiG-21F-13 represented the first generation of this line. These versions were in production through the end of the fifties and the beginning of the sixties. Subsequent versions included the PF, FL, PFM and R with production of these peaking at the end of the sixties. The third generation started production in 1968 and included the most advanced versions of MiG-21 like the M, SM, MF, SMT or bis among others. Simultaneously, two-seat training versions were also produced designated MiG-21U, UM and US.

Production of the MiG-21 ended in 1985. The new aircraft came off Soviet production lines in Moscow, Gorky and Tbilisi, the MiG-21F-13 was also built under license in Czechoslovakia and the MiG-21FL, M and bis in India by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. The Soviet Union produced 10,645 examples of all versions, 194 were built in Czechoslovakia and 657 in India. That counts 11,496 aircraft produced.

Over the course of the Cold War, the opponents of the MiG-21 included the likes of the Northrop F-5 Freedom Fighter or the Dassault Mirage III. NATO assigned it the reporting name "Fishbed", while the Soviet pilots called it "Balalaika" due to the shape resemblance with the Russian musical instrument.

Aces from Asia, Middle East or Africa

Outside of the Soviet Union, the type flew with a long list of nations on four continents (Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America)

and participated in many conflicts and wars. The most remarkable combat use includes the Vietnam war, the Indo-Pakistan wars, the Cuban participation in Angola and in the Arab world's attempts to eliminate Israel. It is no wonder there were many pilots achieving ace status flying one or more variants of MiG-21. Thanks to the high volume of use and intensive combat actions, the Vietnamese pilots are topping the list of aces of MiG-21. The top of the ladder is occupied by Nguyen Van Coc with nine kills with three eight-victory aces following: Mai Van Cuong, Nguyen Hong Nhi and Pham Thanh Ngan. Of the other nations the Syrian pilots Bassam Hamshun and Majid Zugbi both achieved seven kills flying MiG-21MF, while Adeeb Al-Jarf had the same score with MiG-21FL and Egyptian pilots Ali Vajai, Sami Marei and Sami Marei scored five times.

In the interceptor role the MiG-21 served with the Soviet Union and other nations of the Warsaw Pact into the eighties when it began to be replaced by the MiG-23 in seventies and MiG-29 Fulcrum in eighties.

This kit: MiG-21MF

This plastic model kit represents the MiG-21MF, an export version of the MiG-21SM where the "M" stands for "modernizovaniy" (upgraded) and the "F" "forsirovanniy" (with afterburner). The MiG-21MF lacked some of the "sensitive" avionics equipment of the SM version. On the other hand, it also sported some improvements to its export predecessor, the MiG-21M, in several aspects. It was powered by more powerful Tumansky R-13-300 engine with afterburner and carried the Safir-21/RP-22 radar instead of less effective RP-21MA of MiG-21M. The MiG-21MF type was identified as Izdelye (series) 96F in factory documentation. The production started in the Moscow factory No. 30, with first batch of 96 production aircraft in 1969 (it is believed these were shipped to Egypt). Starting from 1974 the production was shifted to the No. 21 factory in Gorkhyi, where 231 aircraft were built before the production shifted to the MiG-21bis version in 1976.

Although the MiG-21MF was export version, several aircraft saw service with 234. GvIAP (Guard Fighter Regiment) of VVS (Voenno Vozdushnie Sily – Air Force) located at the Kubinka air base. The reason was quite simple – the unit was tasked with flight demonstrations for foreigner customers and also with the official parade and display flights.

The armament consisted of the GS-23-2L 23mm cannon with 200 rounds. The underwing pylons could carry a combination of FAB bombs up to 500 kg caliber, UB-16-57 rocket pods, R-3S, Ch-66 or S-24 missiles, and R-60 air-to-air missile, including the R-60M. NATO assigned the MiG-21MF codename "Fishbed J".



Carefully read instruction sheet before assembling. When you use glue or paint, do not use near open flame and use in well ventilated room. Keep out of reach of small children. Children must not be allowed to suck any part, or pull vinyl bag over the head.



Před započetím stavby si pečlivě prostudujte stavební návod. Při používání barev a lepidel pracujte v dobre větrané místnosti. Lepidla ani barvy nepoužívejte v blízkosti otevřeného ohně. Model není určen malým dětem, mohlo by dojít k požití drobných dílů.



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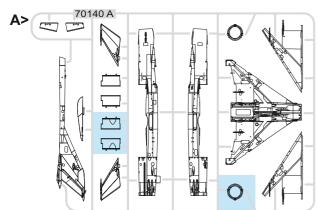


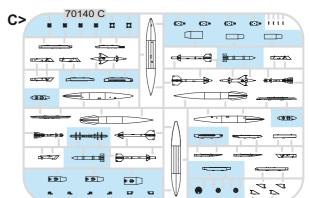


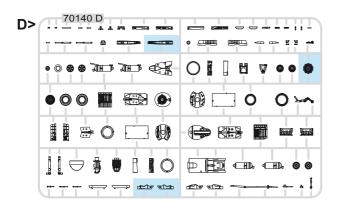
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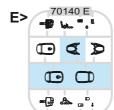
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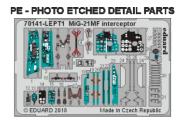
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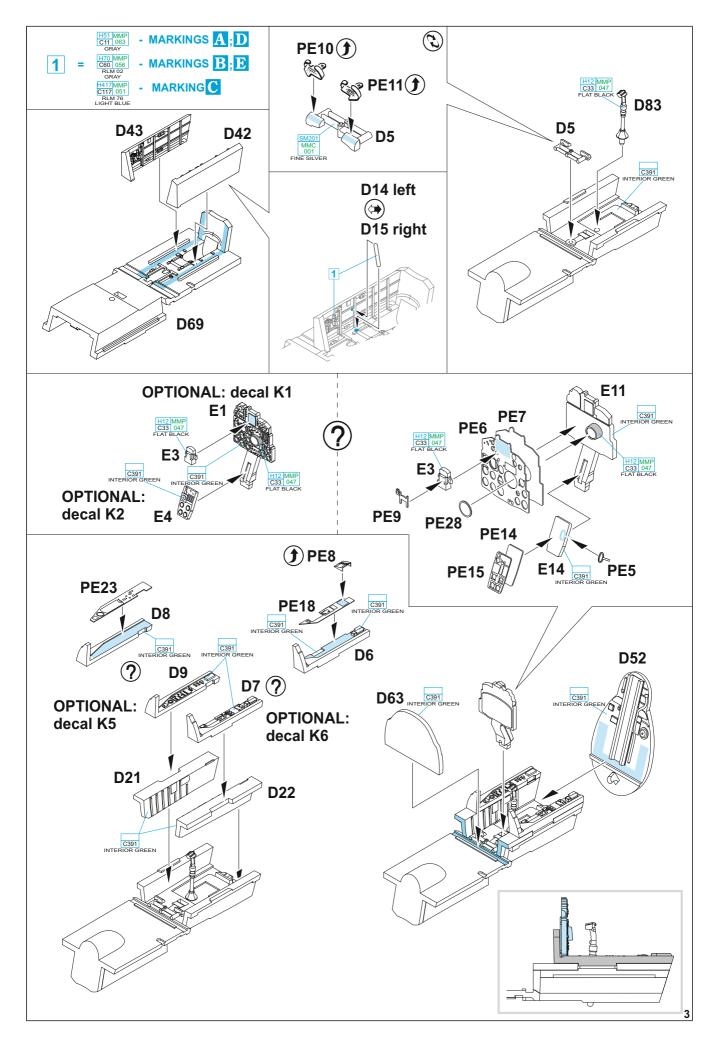


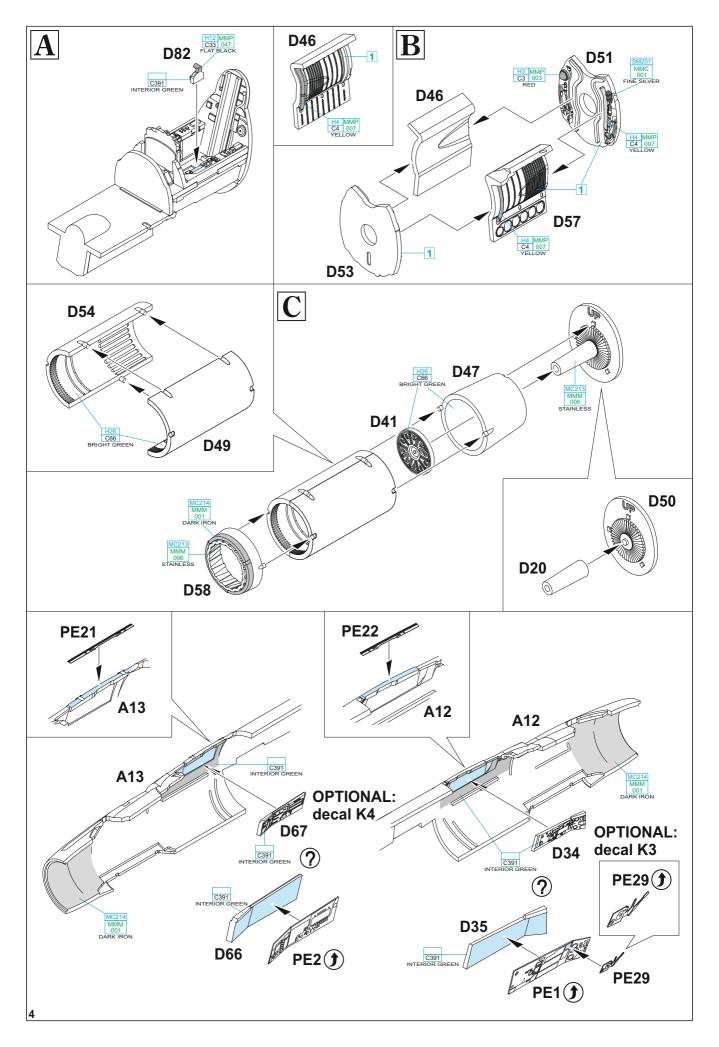
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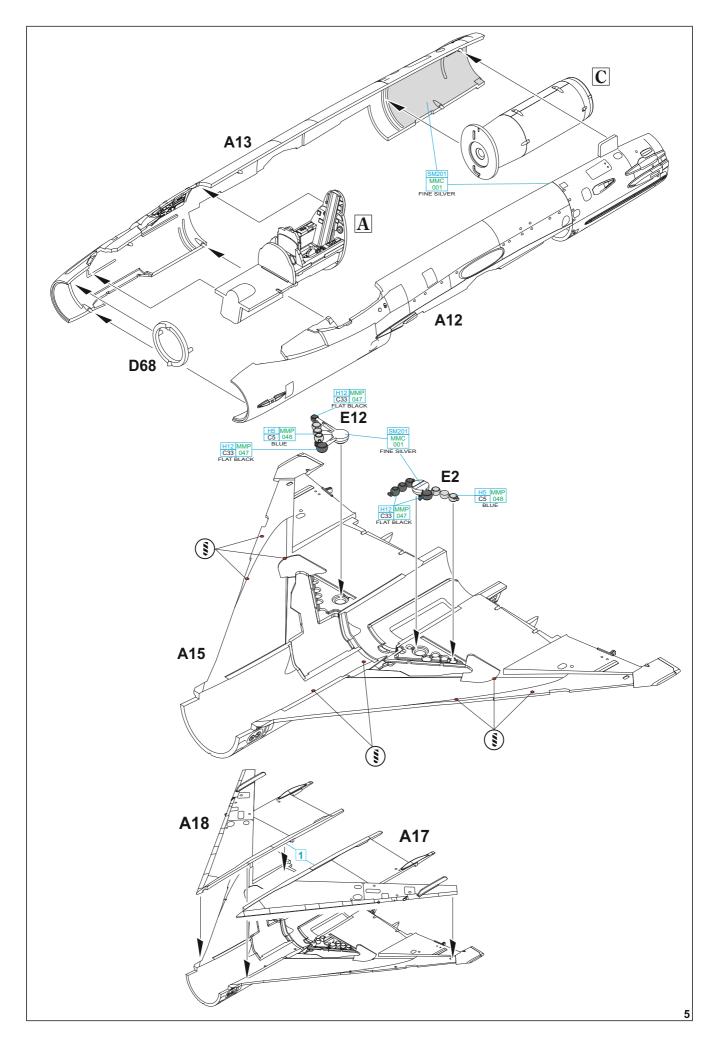
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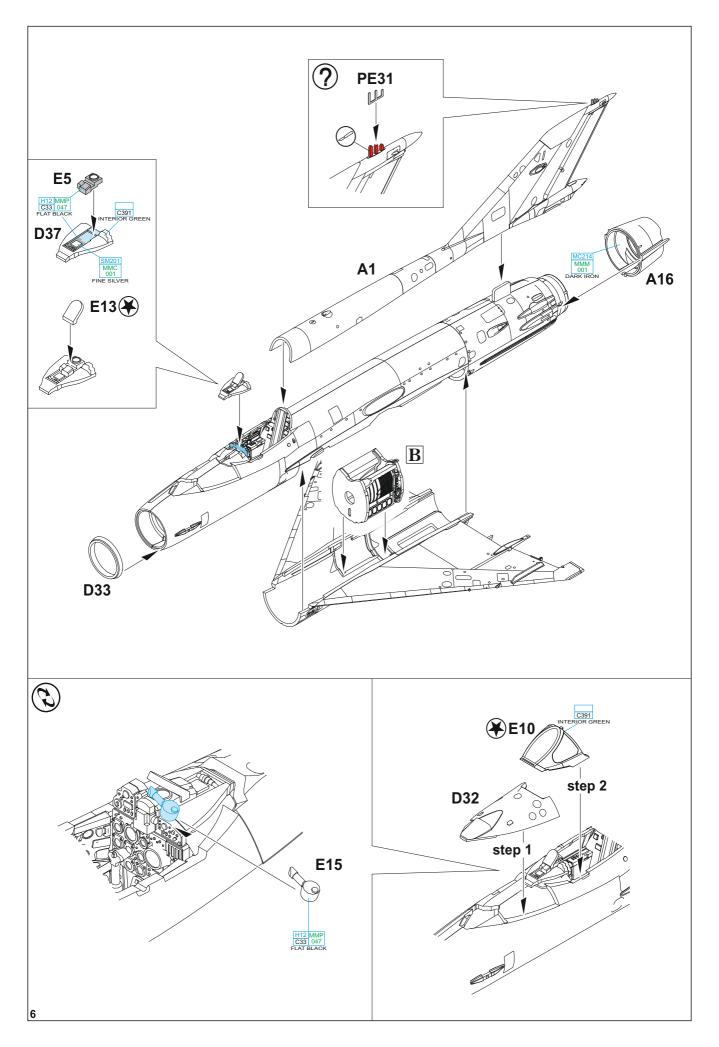
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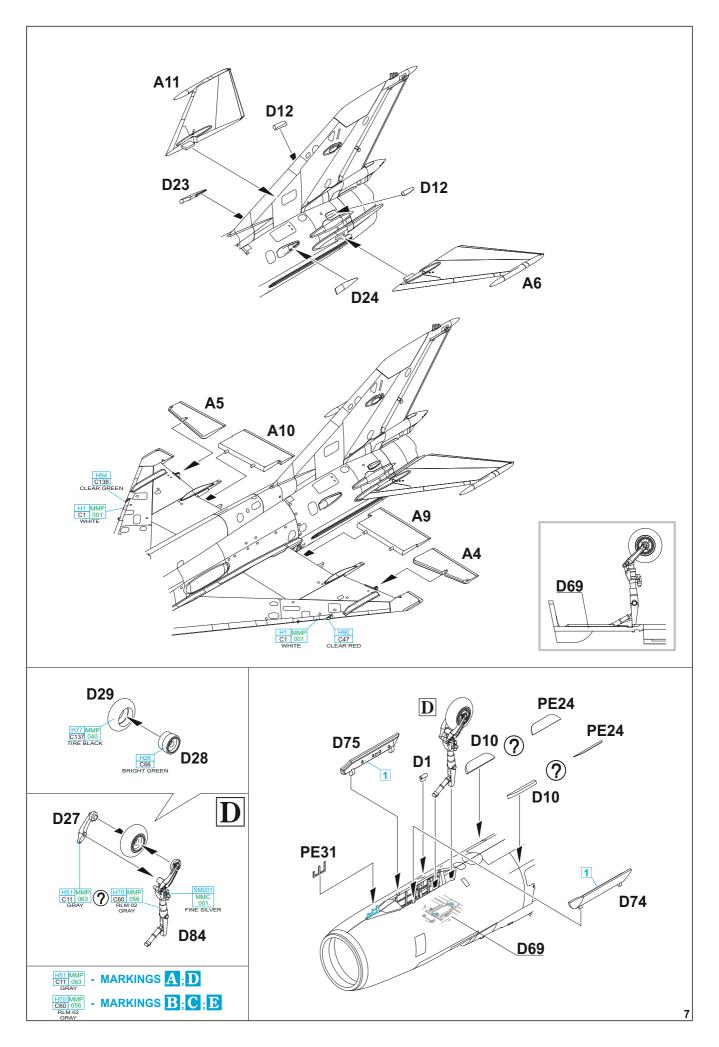
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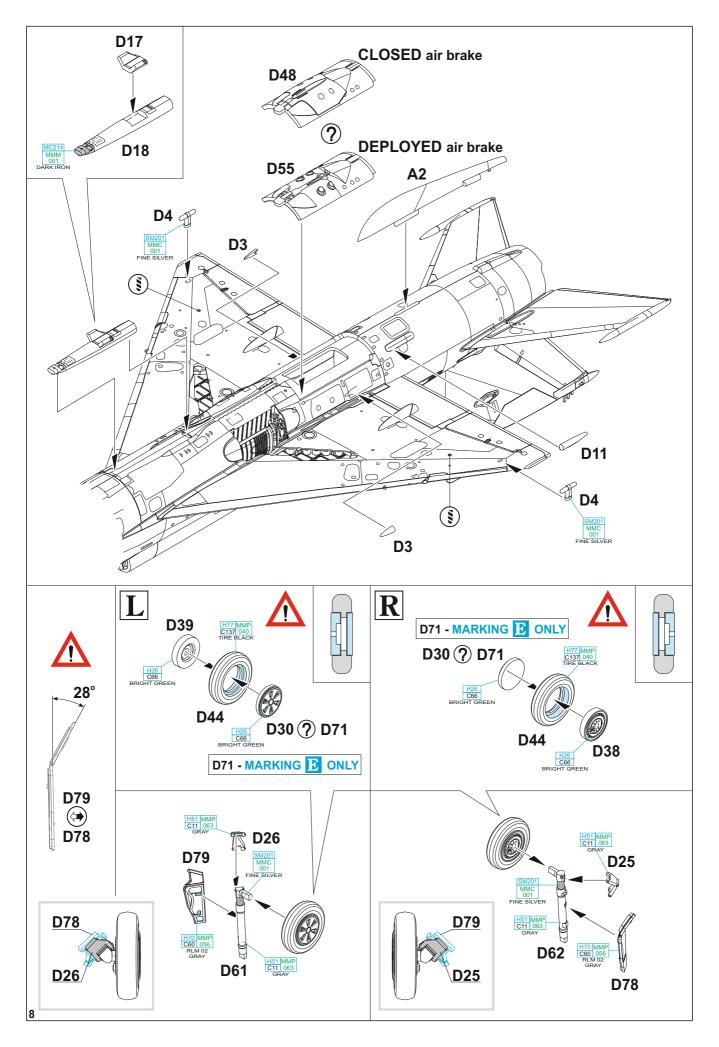


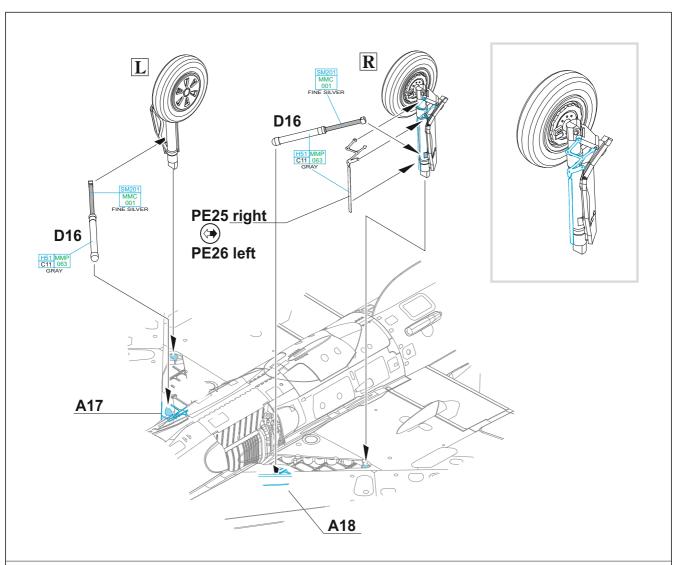


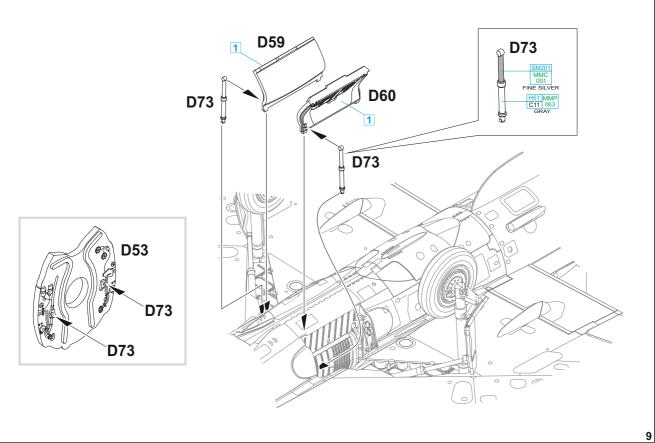


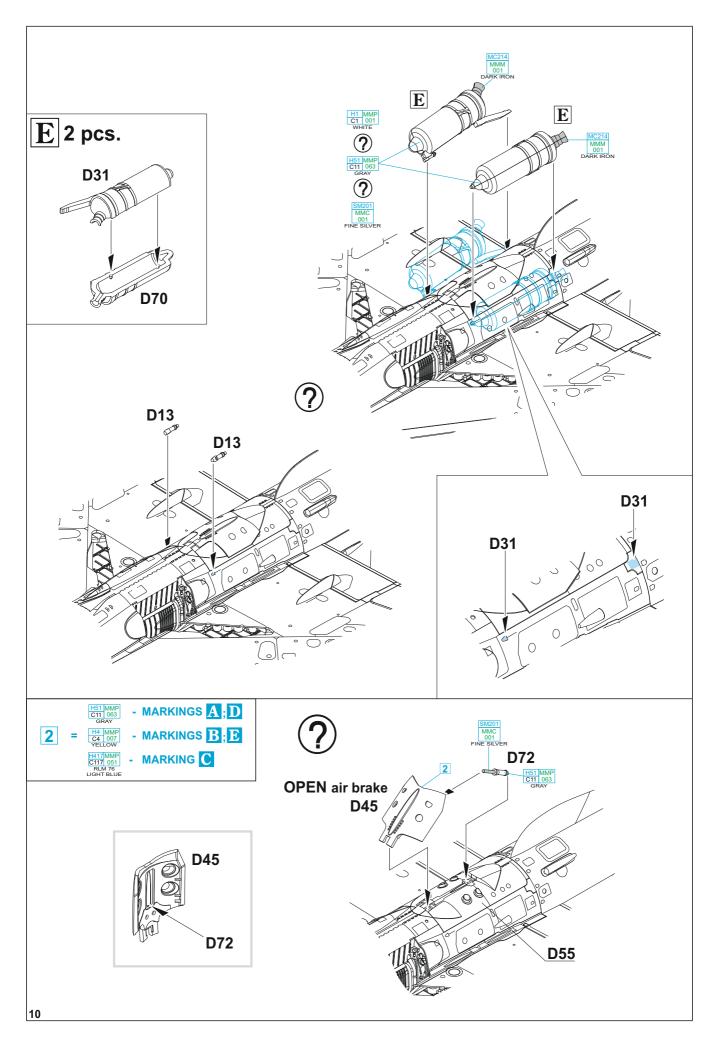


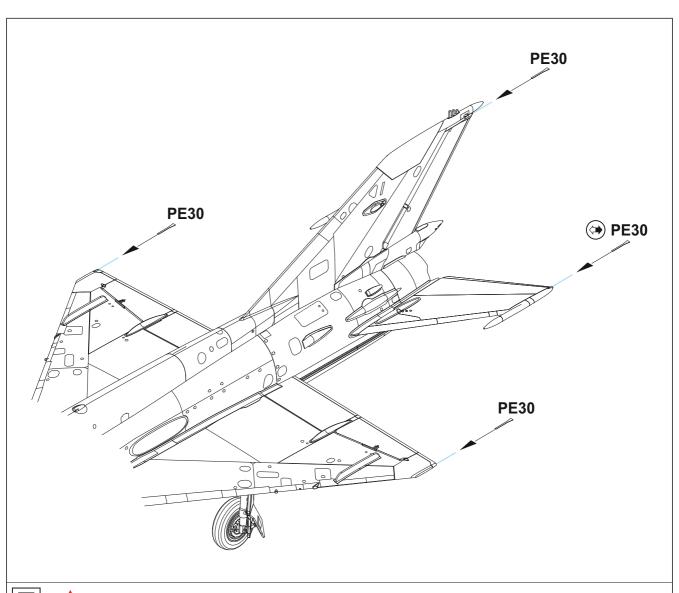


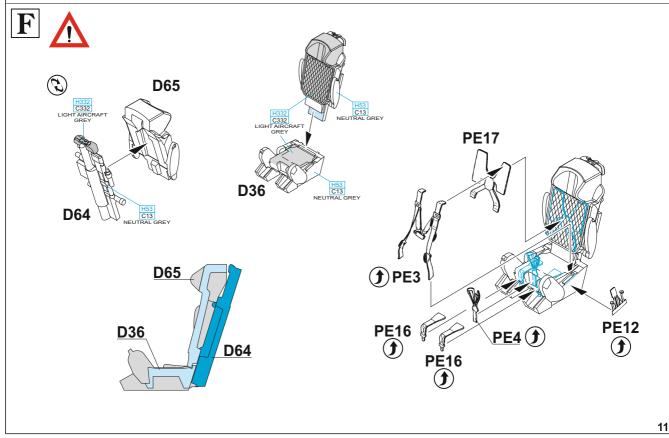


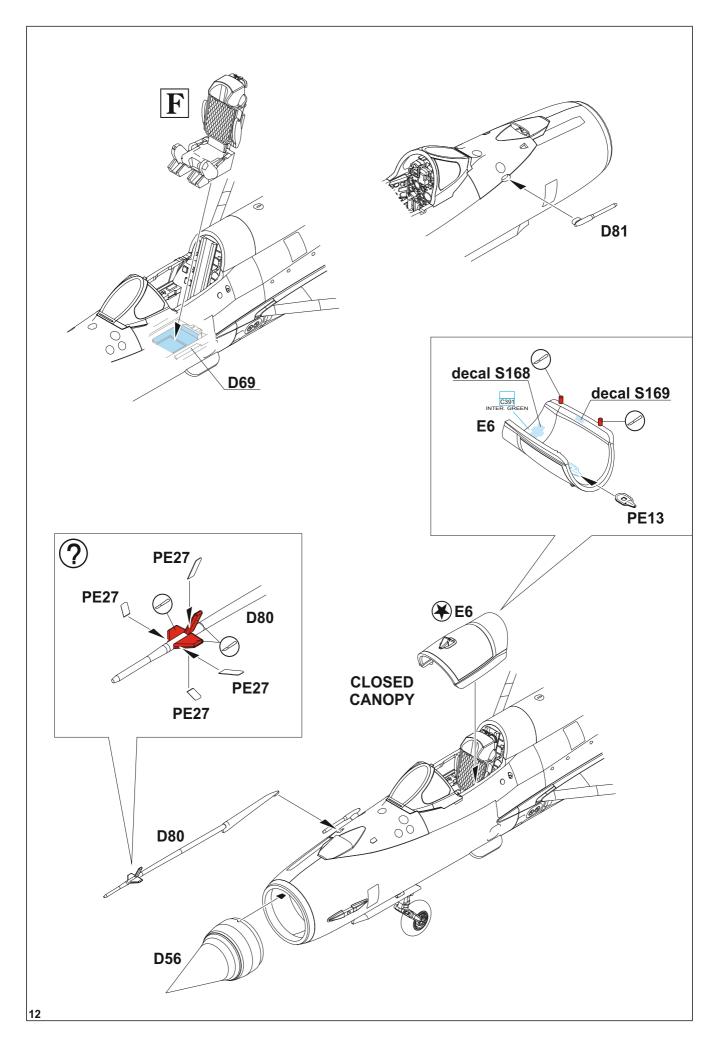


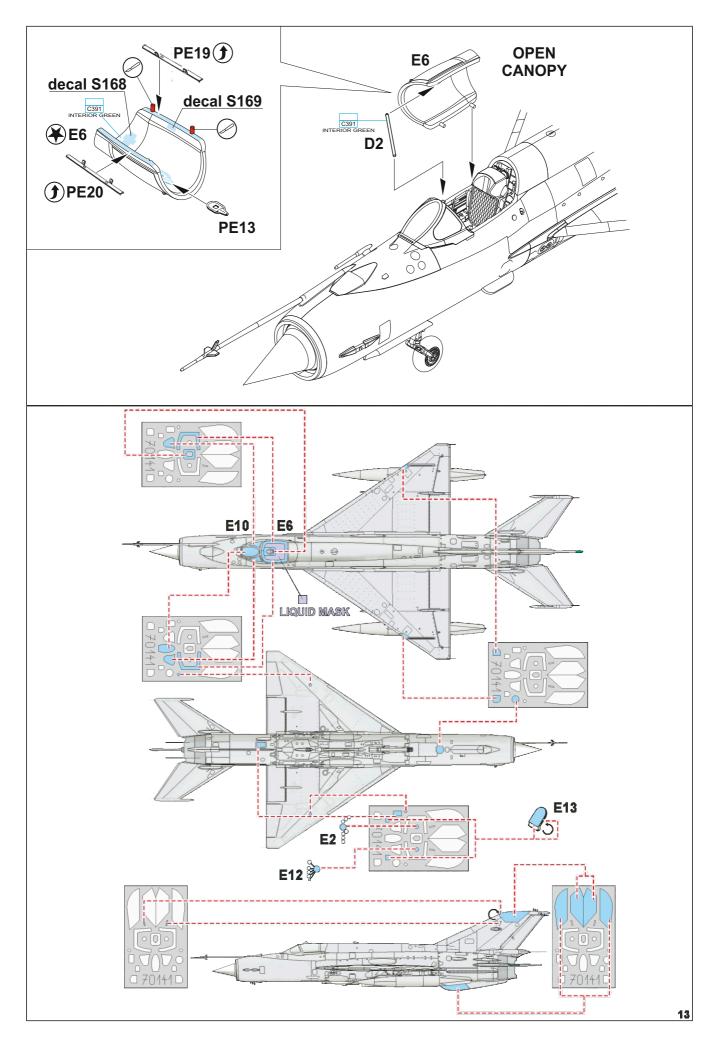


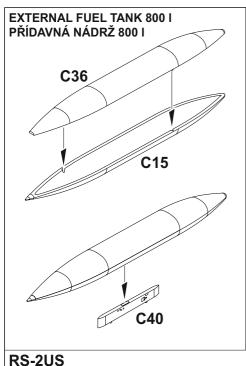


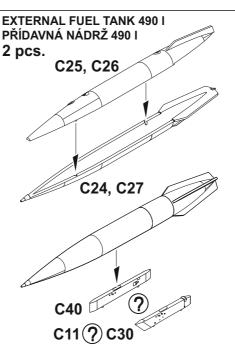


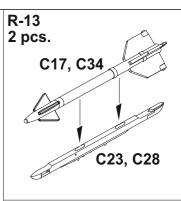


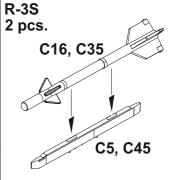


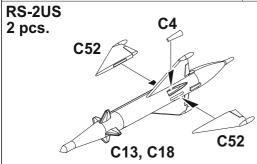


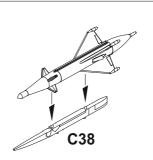


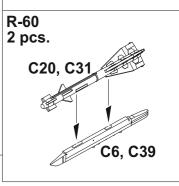


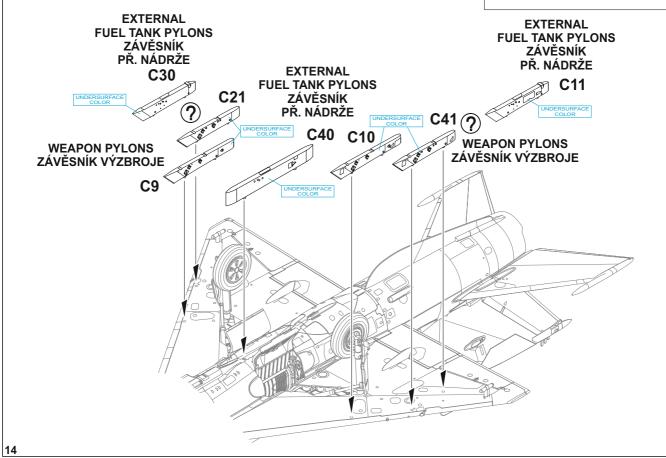


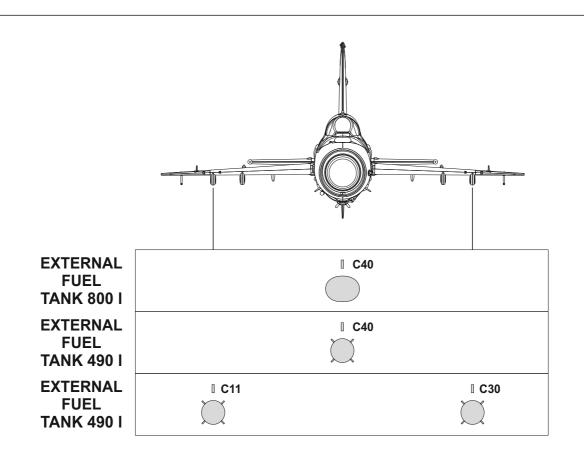




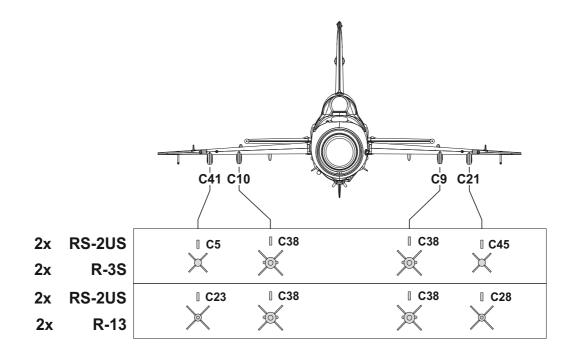








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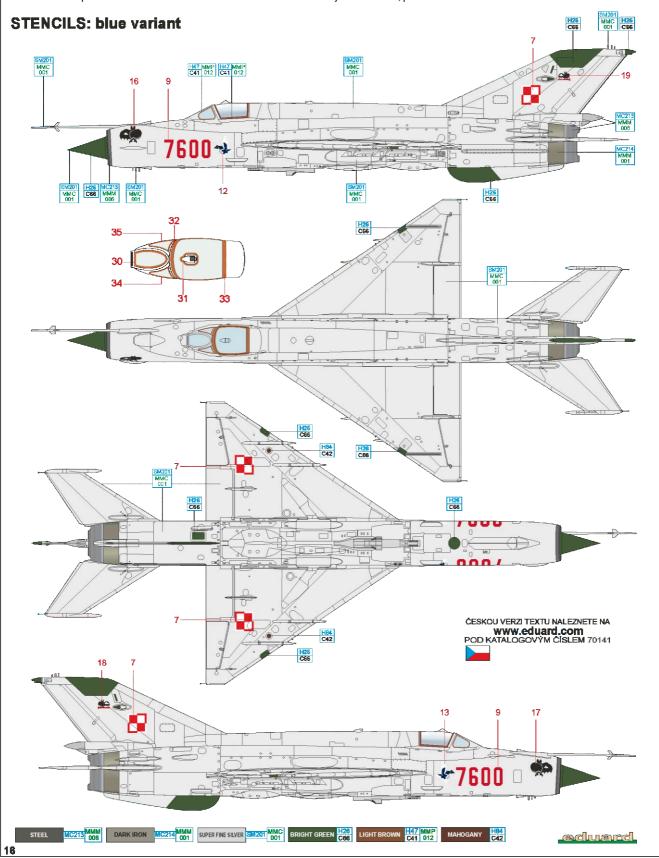


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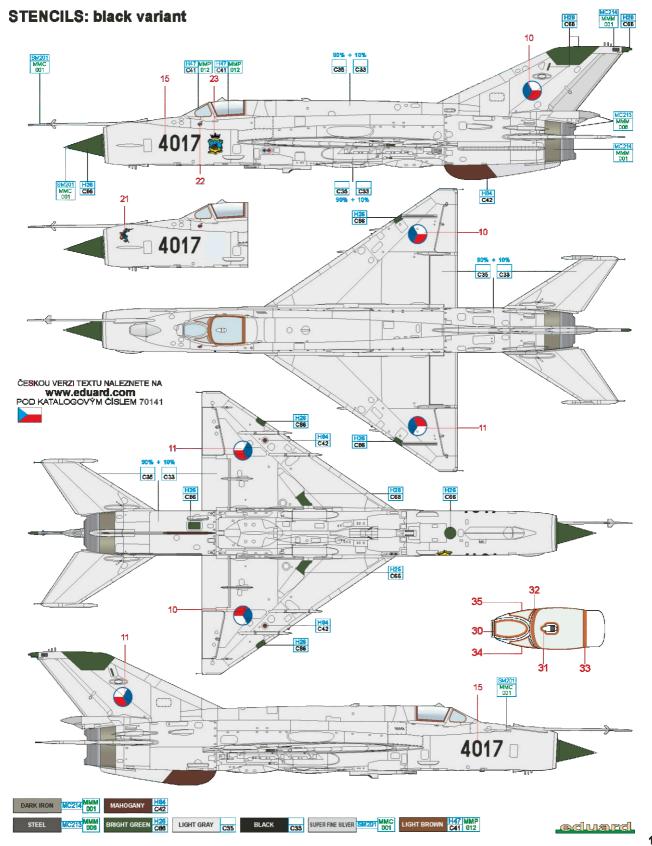
C/n 96007600, No. 7600, 11. Pułk Lotnictwa Myśliwskiego, Mierzęcice, Poland, early 90´

The aircraft with a production number 96007600 was handed over to the Polish Air Force in December 1975. Consecutively, it was sent to the 34 Pułk Lotnictwa Myśliwskiego (Air Fighter Regiment) at Gdynia-Babie Doły Base. The aircraft later served with several other units. From May 13, 1989 to October 1998 it was used by 2 Eskadra Lotnictwa Myśliwskiego, located at Mierzęcice Air Base. After that, the aircraft was sold to the USA in 1999, where it could have been seen in Texas Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston until its heavy damage caused by the hurricane in the autumn 2008. MiG-21MF No. 7600 was painted in aluminum paint with Polish national insignia on the aft surfaces and on the undersides of the wing. There was a symbol of the 2 ELM painted on the nose of the aircraft and its smaller version was repeated on the vertical stabilizer. There was an 11 PLM symbol as well, painted behind the red number 7600.



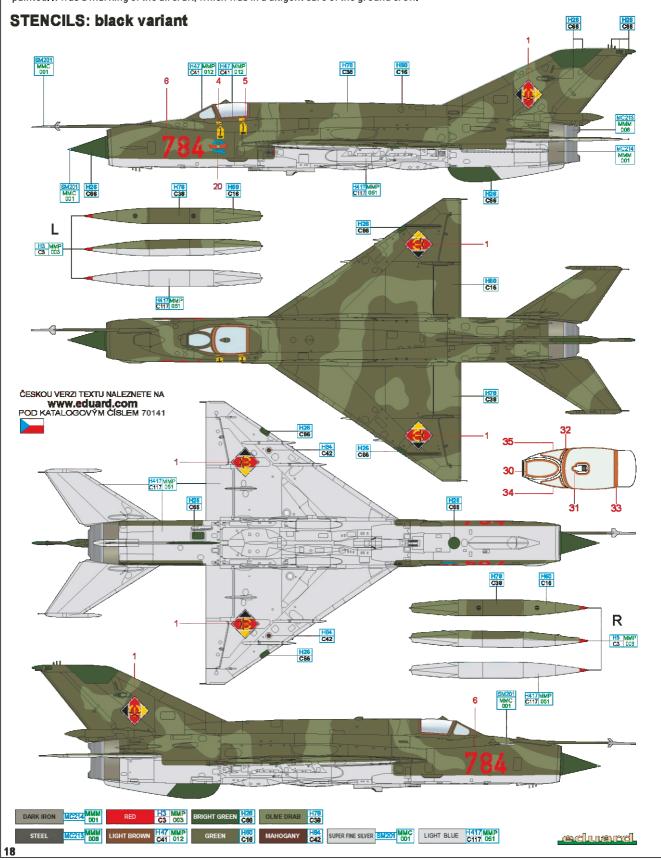
C/n 96004017, No. 4017, 9 slp/ 9 sbolp, Bechyně, Czechoslovakia, early 90´

This MiG-21MF of 1 slp (1st Fighter Air Regiment) based at the České Budějovice airbase was handed over to 9 slp operating form nearby Bechyně airbase in 1988. The aircraft technician Vladimír Daňo painted an emblem of the squirrel onto the aircraft, as he did to the other aircraft, he was servicing (four MiG-21MFs, one MiG-21UM and L-29), but it did not win too much favor with the HQ of the unit. After the order to remove the painting, it was oversprayed by gray color, but the nose of the aircraft got another emblem, this time a duck with a sword. With this decoration, the aircraft was handed over from No. 1 Squadron of 9 sbolp (9th Fighter-Bomber Air Regiment) to 82 sslt (82nd Independent Fighter Squadron) based at the Ostrava Mošnov airbase. After a short stay there, the plane was deposited to LOZ (Aviation Repair Facility) Líně. In 1999 it was upgraded to MiG-21MFN version and put back into operation service again.



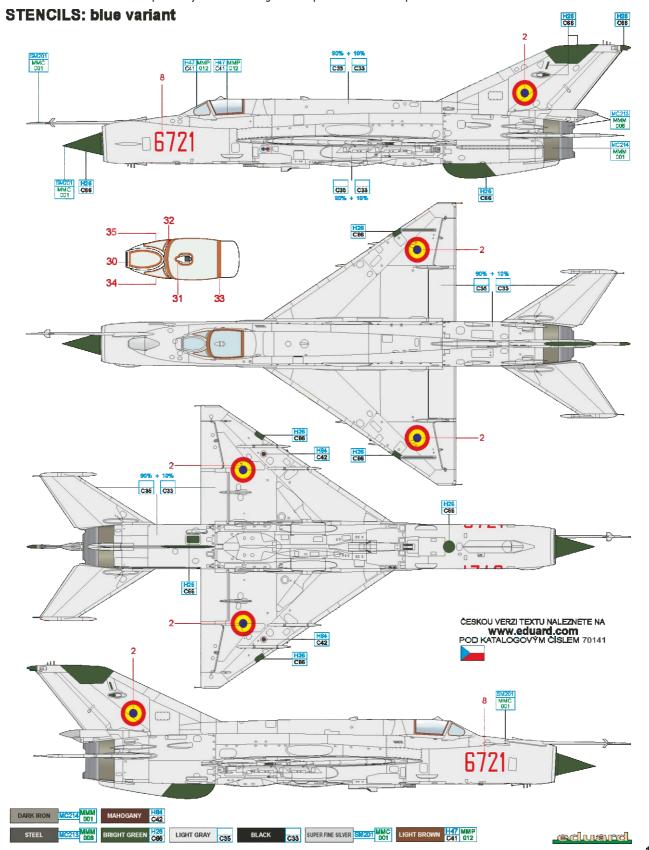
C/n 96002170, No. 784, Jagdfliegergeschwader 3, Preschen, German Democratic Republic, late 80'

On December 14, 1954, the 3rd Kommando of the 1st Aeroklub was established in Cottbus; on August 24, 1956, it was renamed Fliegergeschwader No. 3. The same year the unit changed their training aircraft Yak-11 and Yak-18 for MiG-15 jets. The first MiG-21s were delivered to the unit in 1962 as the F-13 variant. On March 1, 1971, this unit was bestowed on the honorary name after Russian cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov, who died in the crash of the spacecraft Soyuz 1 in 1967 when returning from space. A scheduled change of MiG-21MFs for MiG-29s was scheduled for 1988, but only two of three Staffeln did so. The camouflage of the Eastern German aircraft No. 784 consisted of two shades of green on the upper surfaces, the undersides were in light blue. Underneath the cockpit there was so-called Q-mark painted. It was a marking of the aircraft, which was in a diligent care of the ground crew.



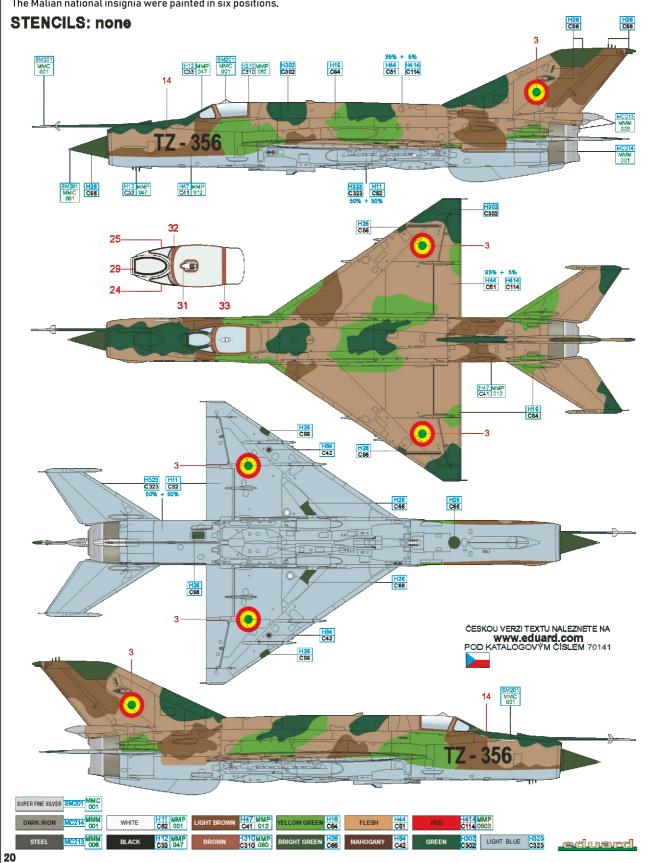
C/n 96006721, No. 6721, Regimentul 71 Aviație Vânătoare, Câmpia Turzii Airbase, Romania, 90'

The first MiG-21s of the MF version were supplied to then Socialistic Republic of Romania in 1972. These aircraft first served along with the older versions of MiG-21s and MiG-15s, which were gradually replaced by MiG-21s. From 1975, the aircraft produced in plant No. 21 in Gorky were supplied to Escadrila de Aviaţie Vânătoare, which was renamed to Regimentul 71 Aviaţie Vânătoare on June 30, 1986. On June 9, 1987, this unit was transferred from Devesel Base to Câmpia Turzii Base from where the unit operates until today. On November 22, 2006, Cpt. Cdr. Dan Ghica, crashed this aircraft near the town of Beliu and died in the crash. Like other aircraft produced in the Gorky Plant 21, this aircraft was finished on all surfaces in gray color. The Romanian national insignia were placed on traditional six positions on the aircraft and were accompanied by the last four digits of the production number painted in red on the nose of the aircraft.



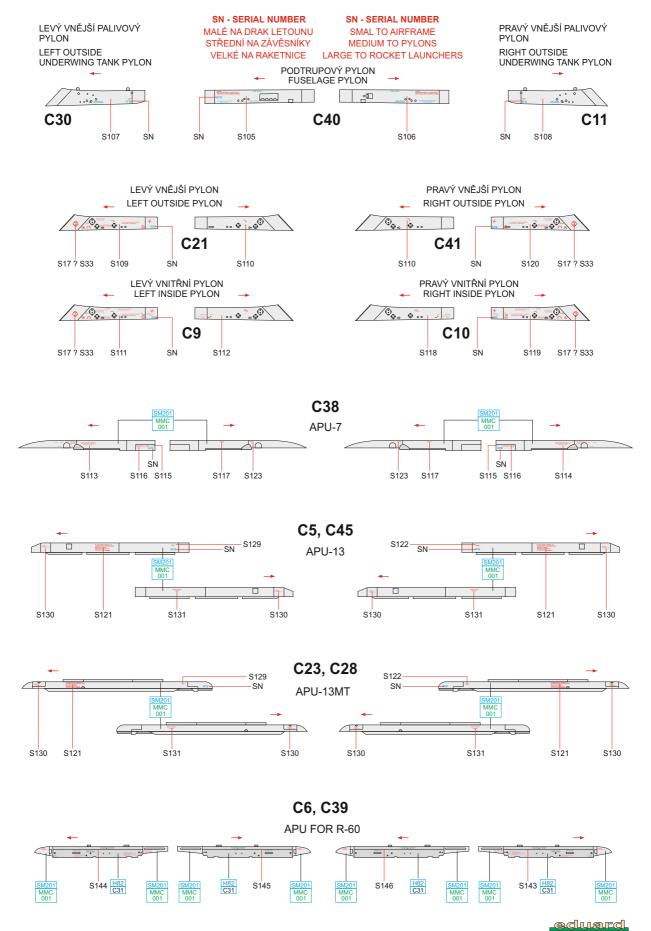
C/n 96005512, No. TZ-356, Senou Airbase, the Republic of Mali, 2006

Following the elimination of the MiG-21s from the Czech Air Force in the mid-2005, the MiG-21MFs Nos. 5508 and 5512 were purchased by The Republic of Mali along with the MiG-21UM No. 9341. After the transfer of the aircraft to the Senou Airbase, all three fighter planes were assembled and readied by a group of Czech technicians and two pilots. After the check-flights were these aircraft handed over to Malian Air Force. The final phase of the handover mission included the fly-by of TZ-356 MiG-21MF flown by Malian pilot above the capital city of Bamako. The TZ-356 aircraft, as the MiG-21MF No. 5512 was remarked, was painted in a camouflage consisting of two shades of green and two shades of brown colors on the upper surfaces and on the sides of the fuselage. The undersides were painted blue. The Malian national insignia were painted in six positions.



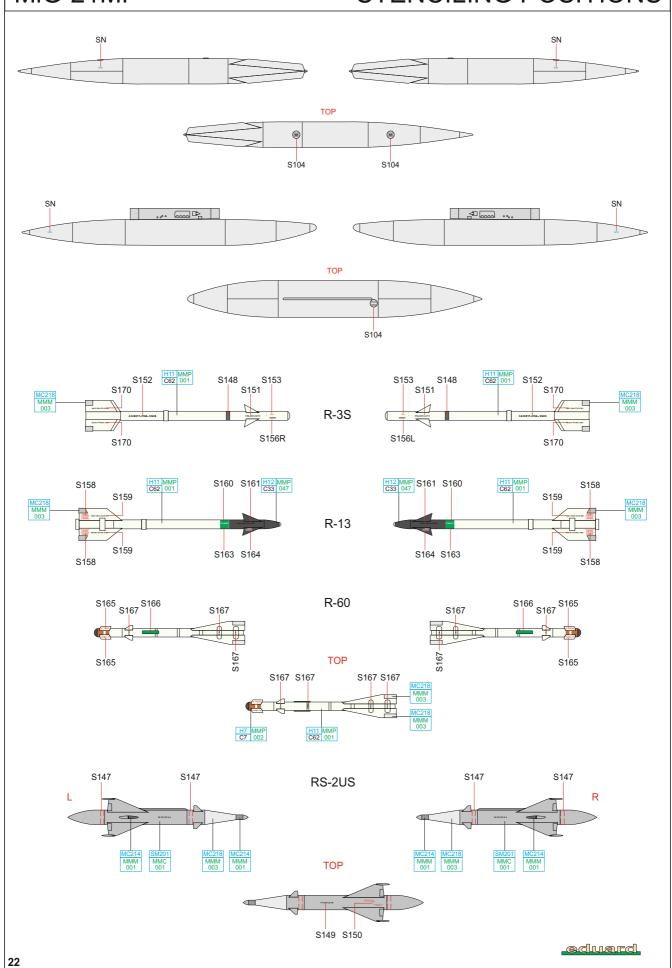
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