

# Panavia Tornado IDS

## 1/32 decals for Saudi-Arabia Air Force

### 89<sup>th</sup> anniversary scheme 2019

For the 1/32 Revell Tornado GR.1 kit, ECR kit or Italeri Tornado GR.4 / IDS kit #2513.

#### HISTORY

With a contract of end 1985 Saudi Arabia ordered 48 IDS and 24 ADV F3 Tornado's for the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF). The first IDS was flown March 1986, and the first Saudi ADV was delivered in February 1989. Saudi Tornados took part in the first Gulf War. In June 1993 some 48 additional IDS were acquired. The fleet was modernized during its operational career such as from 2010 with short range air-to-air IRIS-T missile, Brimstone and Storm Shadow missile capabilities.

The Saudi National Day is celebrated every September and commemorates the renaming of the Kingdom of Nejd and Hejaz to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by a royal decree from King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud in 1932.

As part of the 89<sup>th</sup> year celebrations in 2019, the Royal Saudi Air Force painted some combat aircraft like F-15 Eagles, Eurofighter Typhoon and Tornado IDS in special liveries with on the tails silhouettes of the Saudi rulers.

*Credit: The Saudi Defense Department released PR material on which the decal sheet is based.*

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#### DECAL APPLICATION

The decal sheet has one continuous print film, so each decal needs to be cut out with fine scissors or use a sharp knife and steel ruler cutting a glass plate.

No other prior decal preparation is needed. Each cut out decal can be applied as usual after soaking it a short while in water. Decals are VERY THIN, so slide off from the wet backing sheet apn a horizontally held GLOSSY model surface.

After all decals have been applied, finish the model with your preferred final gloss, matt or semi-matt varnish coats. This will also protect all the decals.



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Overall colour: probably BSC Medium sea grey 637 overall airframe

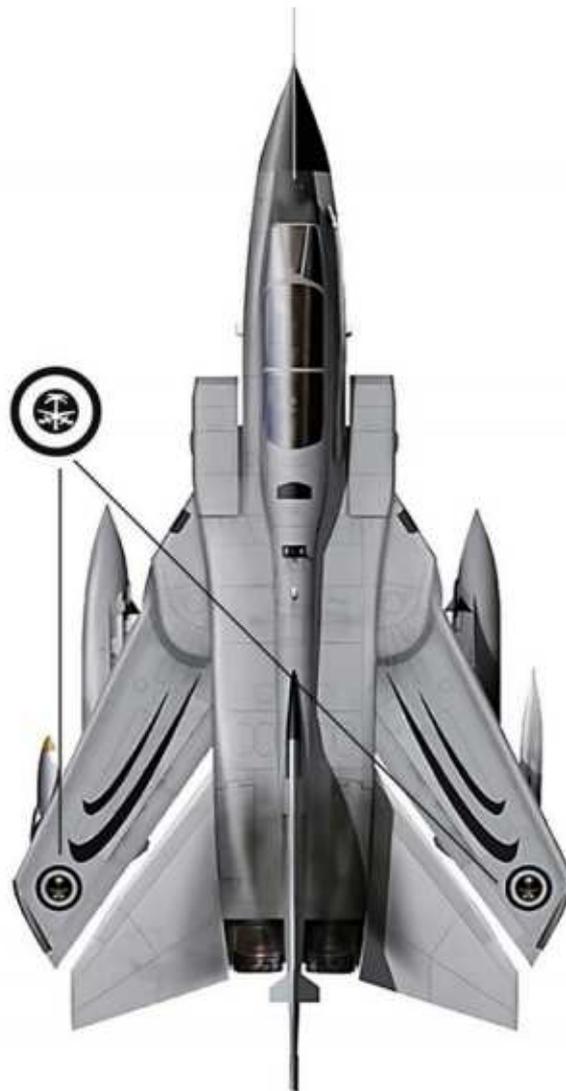
Areas aft of wing gloves on wing: dark sea grey 638

Large code 89 and large black roundels were applied as were silhouette outlines on tail, "hawk" patterns on fuselage and external fuel tanks. All are provided as decals. Trim the decals to fit the tail and in front of the intakes.

The Saudi flag is a bit smaller than usual on other Saudi Tornado's.

Black details such as radar nose, anti-glare panel, leading edge panels and upper dark grey wing glove areas. Metal exhaust panels etc.

Some low vis stencils may have been applied and are on the decal sheet.



On the upper wing are black "swirls" and these are provided as decals.

NOTE: the exact locations of the lower wing roundels is unclear. These are provided as decals as well (with 1 spare roundel).

Decals designed and made by Meindert, visit [www.aircraftinplastic.com](http://www.aircraftinplastic.com)

